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EMPLOYERS' STATEMENT ON DOCKYARDS STRIKE

Deadlock Continues: Attempt To Iron Out Difficulties

Further Conferences To Be Held Today

The deadlock in the strike continued yesterday, following the rupture between dockyard employers and officials of the Chinese Engineers Institute on Tuesday over the introduction of new terms by the employers.

The Commissioner of Labour (Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins) again assumed the role of mediator. After seeing officials of the C.E.I. in the morning he contacted the dockyard employers in an endeavour to iron out differences. Institute officials were summoned to a conference with him again in the afternoon, but the nature of the discussions was not revealed.

Another endeavour will be made by the Labour Commissioner today to bring the two parties together. C.E.I. officials are expected to see him this afternoon for further discussions.

A statement was issued yesterday by the dockyard employers giving an account of the discussions on Tuesday leading up to the rupture. It reads:

Statement
 "Since the statement in certain newspapers concerning the negotiations at the meeting on September 8th between the European Dockyard Employers and representatives of the C.E.I. are both misleading to the general public and a hindrance to the settlement of the strike, the Dockyard Employers feel it desirable to issue the following statement."

"Throughout negotiations it was made quite clear that the terms concerned the 14 Trades of skilled mechanics represented by the C.E.I. who were paid on a time basis, and on a piece-work scale of basic wages between 25 cents per hour and 40 cents per hour. Reference to the first offer of the European Dockyard Employers (as issued in the press on August 23) to raise the range of this scale to 30 cents minimum and 50 cents maximum per hour makes it clear that this was the basis of discussion from the outset. Foremen, monthly paid workers and special grades who are outside this range have always been considered special cases which would be appropriately treated by the various managements after the settlement of the strike."

"At the last meeting on September 8th which was arranged to receive an answer on whether the workers accepted the Employers' offer of a rise in basic wage of 45 per cent for Tradesmen on a time basis employed by the Dockyards, the representatives of the C.E.I. presented a counter offer of a rise of 60 per cent."

"The European Dockyard Employers pointed out that it had been made undeniably clear that their offer of 45 per cent was the limit to which they were prepared to go, but since this increase produced hourly rates involving fractions of cents they intended, for simplicity, to round off all wages within the scale to whole cents, and to give the

No Radio War

Manila, Sept. 9. The opening of the powerful American U.S. State Department shortwave radio station near here on September 11 is intended merely to improve the reception of American programmes in East Asia and is not the opening gun in a "radio war" the U.S. Embassy said today.

Commenting on a "Singapore Free Press" editorial alleging the United States was seeking to compete with BBC relays in Malaya, the Embassy declared the Department will operate only two transmitters of 50 kilowatts and these will be purely "to explain the American view point."

The first broadcast over the U.S. Government's Philippine shortwave facilities will be on Thursday, September 11, at 1000 GMT on 11840 K.L.S. Central Press.

Britain's Offer To USA

Geneva, Sept. 8. Substantial reductions in imperial preferences over a wide area of commodities and total elimination of preferences for several items would be offered to the United States by the United Kingdom this week, following the recent United States request, informed Empire sources told the United Press.

Secretaries said the reductions would range overall from between five and 25 per cent on the present rate of preferences and would involve some 200 items.

The suggested reductions would go beyond the offer made by the United Kingdom previously to the United States in an effort to meet the United States' latest pressing request for substantial concessions, sources said.

The official United Kingdom reply would be handed to the United States this week. United Press.

P. Draper, a Kowloon Royal Dockyard policeman, was found by his wife hanging from a rail in his bath room at 37 Kimberley Road, ground floor, at 4.15 p.m. yesterday afternoon. He was removed to Kowloon Hospital. Up to a late hour last night his condition was reported to be satisfactory.

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False Reports Made U.S. Headlines

London, Sept. 9. The British press, led by the "Daily Mail," today took sharp issue with the reports of violence in the disembarkation of Jews at Hamburg sent to American newspapers by some American correspondents.

The "Daily Mail," under the headline "False Messages Made U.S. Headlines" reported from Hamburg:

"British correspondents are against the fantastic stream of accusations against British troops in the handling of 'Exodus' Jews which were sent over the wires today by foreign reporters. These reports ignored all details of the efficient and human way in which the troops acted."

The "Daily Express" printed a bold-face box on Page One carrying the New York headline "British Club Jews" followed by the denial issued at Hamburg by Vaughn Berry, the British Regional Commissioner.

The "New Chronicle" said: "At Hamburg docks today only one Jew had a blood-soaked bandage over his head and this should take care of the wild accusations of brutality levelled by Allied newspapers and cables particularly to the United States against British troops."

The "New Chronicle's" headline read "Army Banter Jews into Battle Camp."

The "Daily Telegraph" headlined its story "Only Small Gangs Resist at Hamburg." The much circulated profile "Daily Mirror" did not carry a story at all.

Only the Communist "Daily Worker" reported the use of metal-tipped truncheons and fists by British soldiers engaged in "violent battles with the refugees."—United Press.

"Blunder"
 London, Sept. 9. The Star called it a "blunder of the first magnitude." The Evening News said "No

New G.O.C. Malaya

London, Sept. 8. Major-General D.A.L. Wade, Commander Malaya Area, has been appointed General Officer Commanding Malaya, the War Office announced today.

Major-General Wade succeeds Lieutenant-General Galloway on the latter's appointment as High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief, British Forces in Austria.—Reuters.

BRITISH TROOPS AND JEWS

(By Boyd France)

Hamburg, Sept. 8.

British troops, who today forcibly disembarked 650 Jewish immigrants from the "Ocean Vigour" here, exercised the greatest restraint in the carrying out of their unwelcome job. One incident relates their attitude.

A grey-haired woman of about 70 lunged herself fiercely on a soldier during the melee which began when nearly half the disembarkation from this, the first of the three "Exodus" ships, had been peacefully completed.

She struck ineffectually at the soldier, shrieking "Nazi, take that for my husband!"

The grinning soldiers replied: "Come along, grandma, out of this," picked her up in his arms and carried her, still clawing and beating at his face, to the stairway.

The soldiers used their fists against three or four of the most violent Jews, but the majority were simply seized and hustled or carried through a struggling mass of people to the stairway.

No. 1 held, where about 500 people refused to land, only about nine immigrants actually exchanged blows with the troops. This fighting lasted two minutes.

As far as I could see, only one man was clubbed with the steel-tipped truncheons all the troops carried.—Router.

No Rats In Cafes

The intention of Government to insist on strict compliance with regulations governing restaurants and eating houses before renewing licences has had as its sequel a letter from the Chinese Restaurant and Eating House Merchants Association to the Urban Council, asking for an amendment to the regulations or an extension of time for compliance with requirements.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, Mr. Yuen Kin-sing, Chairman of the Association, admitted that while certain of the alterations which have been called for may be necessary or desirable, no harm would be done by Government

granting an extension of time for compliance, having regard to the present shortage of building material and high cost of labour.

It was pointed out by Mr. Yuen that the majority of restaurants and eating houses concerned had, in July and August 1946, renovated their premises in accordance with Urban Council requirements.

Mr. Yuen said that Government, in calling upon restaurants and eating houses to remove the wooden panels and mirrors affixed to the walls, as well as woodwork over the front portion of their premises, apparently did not take into consideration the heavy expenditure involved.

Mr. Yuen said that a member restaurant which had been called upon to effect alterations, requested contractors to submit tenders. The lowest tender was \$70,000.

Restaurants and eating houses which have booths in their premises have also been requested to fill up the empty space between the backs of booths with cement.

It has been laid down that the existing wooden panels, mirrors and woodwork be replaced with layers of cement concrete or terrazzo work.

The authorities, said Mr. Yuen, are of the opinion that the rear of wooden panels, mirrors and other woodwork provide breeding grounds for rats.

\$1,000 "Reward"

"At no time has any rat been found behind the wooden panels, mirrors or other woodwork of a restaurant or eating house," claimed Mr. Yuen, who advised that restaurant and eating house proprietors would be willing to pay a fine of \$1,000 for any rat so found.

Mr. Yuen said that his Association comprises some 500 restaurants and eating houses, employing no less than 20,000 employees.

It was stressed by Mr. Yuen that the majority of restaurants and eating houses were having great difficulty in making ends meet. Although business ap-

Chiang Flays Kmt Plenary Session

Nanking, Sept. 9. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, opening the plenary session of the Kuomintang Executive Committee today, told political leaders that the Party "is facing the greatest crisis in its 20 years history, exceeding even the Sino-Japanese war period."

Members of the Committee said the Generalissimo expressed himself as "ashamed" at the lack of progress the Kuomintang and the nation had made since the end of the last world war and that he charged that a large share of the responsibility was with the Kuomintang, which "failed to fulfill its responsibilities toward Dr. Sun Yat Sen and the people of China."

With the exception of the day sessions, the Party-controlled Central News Agency and representatives of the Kuomintang newspapers the press was excluded from the meeting at which the President spoke.

Party writers were required to submit their reports to Kuomintang Information Minister Li Wei-kuo for "censoring" before publication.

Committee members hinted that the Generalissimo "said much more, and much more to the point" but declined to reveal his exact words.

It had been expected that he would criticise official and Kuomintang inefficiency and corruption heavily.

With members of the "San Min Chi" Youth Corps Executive Committee present for the first time, Secretary General Wu Te-chen reported on political affairs, including the pending merger of the Corps with the parent party.

He was followed by Premier Chang Chun, who discussed in detail China's economic situation (including recent measures to expand exports), to improve the foreign exchange situation.

The last formal report was the explanation of the military situation by Minister of National Defence Pai Chung-hai.

All three reports were made behind closed doors and are not immediately available.

Corruption

Besides the merger with the Youth Corps, the Kuomintang committee members will discuss two big questions during the five-

The Weather

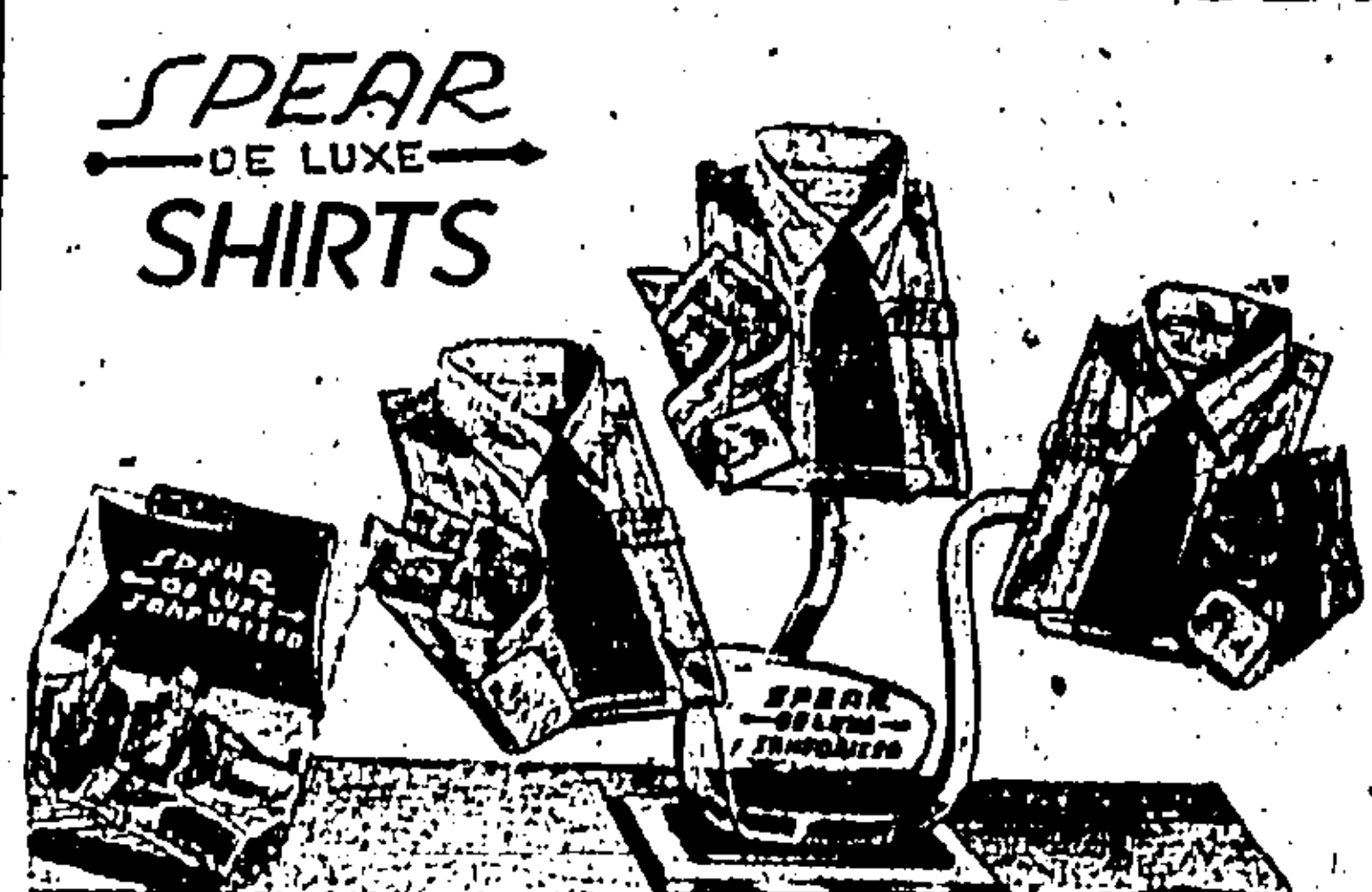
A ridge of moderately high pressure extends from the Sea of Japan across the Pacific to the East of Hawaii. A shallow trough of low pressure extends from N. India-China across the China Sea to the Pacific L. T. Tendency: Fair.

Today's Forecast: Light or moderate N.E. winds; mainly fair after morning showers.

Yesterday's Weather:—
 Maximum: 70.4 deg. F.
 Minimum: 70.7 deg. F.
 Sunshine: 8.5 hours.
 Rainfall: 10.7 mm. = 0.78 inch. Total since Jan. 1—330.7 mm. = 12.98 inches. Average of 1946: 178.3 mm. = 7.02 inches.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
 Bar. at sea level: 1011.1 1009.3 m.h.
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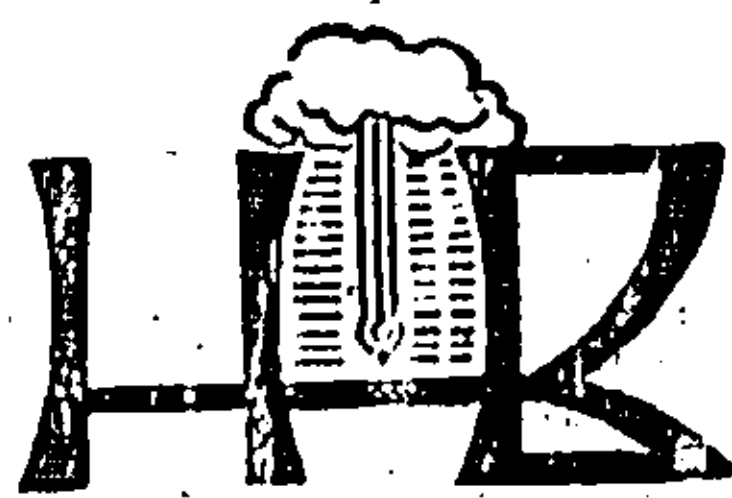
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At a mass meeting of workers of the Hong Kong Electric Company held at their club premises last night, the Manager of the Company, Mr. F. F. Duckworth, present by invitation, told the men the Company was prepared to pay them an increase ranging from 20 to 40 per cent on their present wages.

The men considered the offer was too far off their original demand of a 100 per cent increase, and the offer was rejected.

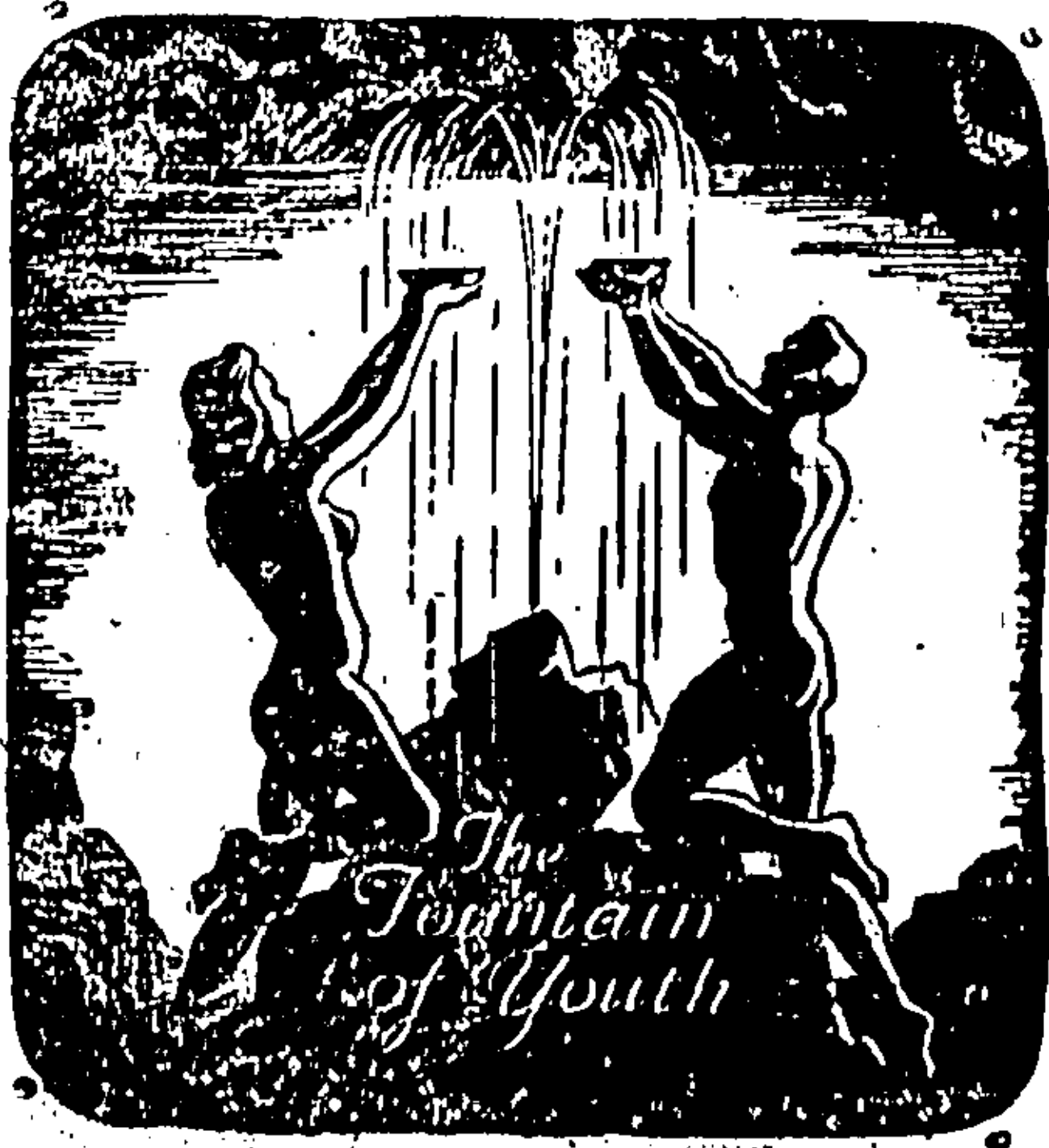
A further meeting between the men and the management is scheduled for today.

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VIET NAM LEADERS IN HONG KONG

Fifteen more Viet Nam leaders arrived in the Colony yesterday by air from Saigon to take part in the Viet Nam "National Assembly" which ex-Emperor Bao Dai has summoned. The latest arrivals bring the total number of Viet Nam delegates in Hong Kong to 21.

The delegates who arrived yesterday were from Annam and Cochinchina, and included some of the highest officials of the provisional governments of Annam and Cochinchina, and political leaders.

Last night, the delegates met at the Nam Ling Restaurant for pre-conference discussions with Mr. Luu Duc Trung, accredited spokesman for Bao Dai, and Mr. Pham Van Gao, Bao Dai's Secretary.

Today, the newly arrived delegates will be presented by Mr.

Rotarians At Lunch

A talk on the activities of the Free French in the Far East during the war was given to a crowded meeting of the Rotary Club yesterday by Mr. R. Egal, prominent French merchant, who was head of the Free French movement in Shanghai immediately after the fall of France in June 1940.

The speaker dwelt largely on his personal experiences in Shanghai and his subsequent trials and tribulations when he was persecuted by officials of the Vichy regime, during the hectic period from June 1940 to Dec. 1941, during which he was imprisoned, packed off to Saigon, and subsequently court-martialed.

Upon his release he came to Hong Kong, and as a captain in the H.K.V.D.C. took part in the defence of the Colony and upon Hong Kong's surrender was interned for the duration.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E., who recalled that six days after France's capitulation a mass meeting of some 1,500 Frenchmen in Shanghai, under the inspiring leadership of M. Egal, swore to carry on the fight for freedom to the finish.

Club President Dr. P. J. Tournier extended a welcome to visiting Rotarians P. de Lara Reis from Macao and Jas. T. Godrum from Manila, and to the following guests—Prof. Simpson, John W. Langston, A. D. Tuskin, A. R. Brown, N. Most, G. Davreux, W. G. McDowall, Evan Stewart, and M. Ubahia.

Opium Dens Raided

Divan keepers and smokers from Central and Western districts were arraigned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when substantial fines or imprisonment were imposed.

Chai Shui, 21, keeper of an opium divan on the roof of No. 1 Lock Hing Lane was fined \$300 or four months and six smokers found on the premises each fined \$25 or two days.

All paraphernalia seized were ordered to be destroyed.

An order was also issued to the landlord for eviction.

C. I. Smith prosecuted.

Leung Lung, 40, of 12 Kwong Yuen Street West was fined \$800 or three months for being the keeper and the nine smokers on the premises were each fined \$30 or two days.

An eviction order was issued to the landlord.

C. I. Smith prosecuted.

Lo Ying, 25, keeper of a divan at 149 Des Voeux Road West, 2nd floor, with two previous convictions, was sentenced to six months imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Fourteen smokers on the premises were each fined \$25 or two days. Notice of eviction was ordered served on the landlord.

Inspector Brownrigg prosecuted.

Hui Tak, 19, charged with larceny from the person at the Star Ferry waiting room and with two previous convictions to his credit, was sentenced to six months imprisonment and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Luu to ex-Emperor Bao Dai who will afterwards fix the time for the opening of the "National Assembly."

Delegates from Tonkin are expected here today or tomorrow. Representatives who arrived yesterday told the "China Mail" last night that the only way to bring peace, unity and independence to Viet Nam was to re-establish the monarchy with Bao Dai back on the throne.

They disclosed that the French Government has agreed to all the proposals put forward by Bao Dai and that the broadest of M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, scheduled for tonight from Hanoi, will reveal France's acceptance of the proposals.

A press release issued by Mr. Luu Duc Trung last night gave the names of yesterday's arrivals as follows:

From Annam: Tran Van Ly, President of the Provisional Government of Annam;

Tran Thanh Dat, Chairman of the Assembly of Representatives of Annam;

Nguyen Van Hai, Representative of the Viet Nam Mandarins;

Cao Van Chieu, Representative of the Intellectual Group of Annam;

Tran Ngoc Lien, Chief of the Cabinet of the Provisional Government of Annam;

Cung Gia Nguyen, Ngo Xuan Tich, Nguyen Van Hai, Delegates of South Annam;

From Cochinchina: Nguyen Van Sam, Diplomatic Representative of the Viet Nam Nationalist United Front;

Tran Quang Vinh, Supreme Commander of the Cao Dai Religion in Viet Nam;

Nguyen Van Hai, Representative of the Group of the Resistance Army in Cochinchina;

Truong Vinh Tong, Representative of the Catholic Mission in Cochinchina;

Nguyen Van Tam, Minister of Defence of the Provisional Government of Cochinchina;

Nguyen Phung Dao, Representative of the National United Party of Cochinchina.

Among the delegates was Mr. Tran Van Tuyen, Special Envoy of Bao Dai in Viet Nam. He is also the representative of the Viet Nam People's Popular Movement.

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Magistrate Steps On Price Offenders

"That is the sort of thing we want to step on," declared Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he fined Pau Tak-ming of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station Bar \$200 for selling two bottles of cold fresh milk for \$1.10 instead of the controlled price of 50 cents per bottle.

Prosecuting, Mr. H. J. G. Pitman of the S.P. & I. stated that as the result of numerous complaints two inspectors were sent to the Bar with specific instructions to purchase a bottle of cold fresh milk each. They were charged \$1.10 instead of \$1.

The Mickey Store, 779 Nathan Road, alleged by Mr. Pitman to be the source of complaints by residents in that area, was fined \$300 for overcharging 50 cents on a cake of "Lux" soap and 10 cents on a bottle of "Brylcreem."

The store was opened about eight months ago but appeared to make it a habit of overcharging their customers, said Mr. Pitman, so much so that he had to instruct two inspectors from his department to make two different purchases.

Other offenders dealt with yesterday were:

Ma Chiu-yung of Victory Cafe, 363 Nathan Road, fined \$150 for overcharging 50 cents on two bottles "Tosca" beer.

Chan Pang of Lucky Bakery, 90 Nathan Road, overcharged five cents on a tin of "Allow" rice, fined \$50.

For selling a bottle of "Vilma" for \$4.50 instead of \$3.10 and for having no price tag, Lee Yiu of Man Sun Drug Store, 311, Shanghai Street, was fined a total of \$175.

Chu Kow of See Hop Hing, 9 Cheung Sha Wan Road, was

Verdict: Judicial Hanging

Mr. F. X. d'Almada sat as coroner on the inquest of Nu Wai Chun, who was hanged for murder yesterday.

Assistant Chief Officer Elliot of Stanley Prison said deceased was admitted into Stanley Prison on July 31 this year. The warrant for carrying out the sentence of death was received by the Commissioner of Prisons on September 1.

The execution by judicial hanging was carried out at 7 a.m. yesterday in the presence of Dr. J. R. Handforth, medical officer of Stanley Prison, and other prison officers.

Witness identified the body at the prison mortuary at 7.30 a.m. yesterday in the presence of Dr. Handforth. Witness was also present when the Coroner viewed the body at noon.

Dr. R. Handforth said that death was instantaneous. He performed a post mortem examination.

Mr. d'Almada told the jury that there could be only one verdict—that deceased met his death by judicial hanging.

The jury, without retiring, returned this verdict.

Picked Policeman's Pocket

When Tang Hung, 22, picked the pocket of a Chinese in Shanghai Street, near Nelson Street, on Monday evening he did not realise that his victim was a Police constable in plain clothes.

No sooner had he taken a leather purse (containing \$2) and some papers from the right lower pocket of his victim's jacket than he was arrested by the man who turned out to be Police constable Ma Man-chung.

On his appearing before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Tang's error of judgment was related by S.I. J. S. Howarth. Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for deportation.

Inspector H. W. Fraser of the S.C.A. prosecuted before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Chan King, 57, and Tong Sun, 21, were charged with traffic in women and girls, and were both discharged when the prosecution asked for the case to be withdrawn.

Warning

It has been reported that certain persons falsely representing themselves to be Government officials have been visiting premises in Kowloon demanding that the occupants should buy from them copies of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance. Government wishes to make it clear that no official Chinese translation of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance has been published, that no authority has been given by the Hong Kong Government for the sale to the public of any other translation, and that there is no obligation imposed upon any person to buy any official or unauthorised translation of the Ordinance.

Personalia

The Government of India has requested that after Aug. 15, 1947, the British Ambassador should represent Pakistan at posts where there are British and Indian Embassies. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom has agreed to this request.

In accordance with this arrangement the British Ambassador in Nanking, Sir Ralph Stevenson, has assumed charge of Pakistan interests in China.

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony on Monday by the s.s. "Hui Chen" was Mr. Elavud Ghadimi, newly appointed Iranian Charge d'Affaires to China. He is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Farvina Ghadimi. They are returning their journey to Nanking today.

During their short sojourn in Hong Kong they were the guests of Mr. M. Nemaze at his residence in May Road.

Among the arrivals by the "Emp. of Scotland" on Tuesday is Hong Kong's new P.R.O., Wing-Comdr. A.H. Marsack, M.B.E., who will be taking over from Mr. J.H.B. Lee, in a couple of weeks or so.

The new P.R.O. is no stranger to his post. He was P.R.O. Aden before he came to Hong Kong. During the war he was Director of the B.B.C. Middle East Division, with his base at Cairo.

Wing-Comdr. Marsack was introduced to the Press by the P.R.O., Mr. Lee, yesterday afternoon.

Professor Gordon King will be returning to Hong Kong towards the end of October in the "Marine Alder."

A party of scholarship holders sailed for the United Kingdom on the s.s. "Empress of Scotland." Miss L. Trinh, Miss H. Currie, and Mr. Lam, Sir Kwan, who hold scholarship under the Colonial Development and Welfare Scheme, are taking a Social Science Training Course for two years at the London School of Economics. Miss Rebecca Tao Wai Ki and Mr. Lo Hung Pui hold Nuffield Foundation Scholarships; Miss Tsai will be studying at the Royal College of Nursing, London, and Mr. Lo will be taking a B. Pharm. degree course at London University.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel include Lt. (Miss) E.C. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Beach, R.A.J. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Romer, Miss Mavis Seth, Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Nicholson, J.W. Cockburn, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Fraser, Miss R.D. Ferguson, L.M. Burnett, G.K. Wallington, Mrs. R.M. Smolton, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Thompson, E.I.V. Hitt, Mr. and Mrs. V.J. MacKenzie, T.H. Cheng, Miss R. Kessler and R.M. Moir.

Peninsula departures include J.F. Courter, Sherman Wang, P.N. Guzman, A.P. Henningson, H. Daniel, Mrs. F.L. Bell, Homer E. Lin, Mr. and Mrs. K.S. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Savage, Mrs. E. Thorpe, J.T. Mabius, Miss F.M. Snuggs, S.A. Nowirth, J.R. Long, Mrs. May Beckner, Mrs. A.W. Higgins and J.P. Baker.

The following were passengers by C.P.A. planes:—

For Singapore: J. Courter, For Bangkok: Isaac D'Elmal, Mr. Mauphi, A. Moche, N. Hillel, Ng See, Pang, Woon Pong Wang, Chac Wing Gee.

For Manila: Lolita Warner, Bernice Beam, Gladys Giger, Richard Esterbrook, Margaret Gile, Margaret Goch, Teresa V. Hale, Velma Hawwood, Kenneth Harwood, Ahnwaite, Hilda Faye, Kensington Earle, Larimore, Hilda Ruth Dunn, Clarence McCulkey, Co. Pitt, Mary McCulkey, Mary O'Rourke, Walter Rodmond, Nadine Robinson, Jack Robinson, Kathryn Turner, Arnold Turner, Margaret Wells, Alice Wilford, W. Newirth.

Mrs. Tavadia, wife of Mr. B.C. Tavadia, returned here by plane yesterday, with her two children after a two-month vacation.

WITHOUT RECEIVERS, NO THIEVES?

"You are definitely a receiver of stolen property, and receivers must be severely punished for without receivers there would be no thieves," declared Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when passing concurrent sentences of six months' hard labour on each of four counts of receiving against Mak Chol.

Mak, owner of Tai Wah Radio Shop at 590 Nathan Road, was further fined \$1,000 (or four months' hard labour) on the charge of possession of a radio-communication set. He was acquitted on the count of operating a radio-communication station in his shop on Aug. 29.

The maximum penalty of \$3,000 (or six months' hard labour) was imposed on Chan Sum, 31, on each of two counts of operating a radio-communication station and possession of the set.

Giving evidence, Detective Sub-Inspector W.G. Morrison (who prosecuted) stated that he raided 590 Nathan Road at 11.15 a.m. on Aug. 29 and, in the rear cubicle, found Chan, wearing earphones, sitting in front of the radio-communication set produced in Court and in the net of writing messages.

The messages, translated by means of two code books found on the bed, were found to refer to monetary and commercial quotations, said DSI Morrison.

Following the wires from the rear cubicle he found that they passed half-way through the radiophone used by the second accused (Mak).

In the counter of the shop, said DSI Morrison, he found a letter addressed to a Wong Wong which contained details of future organisations of radio centres in China. He also found two sheets of paper consisting of a list of money-changers, small banks, and shops in Hong Kong.

A desk with a telephone was also situated in the front part of the shop, said DSI Morrison, who added that 10 minutes after the Police arrival Mak returned and was arrested. The Police found that Mak was in possession of a dealer's licence for radio apparatus but not for transmitting.

Also in the front part of the shop, among the articles offered for sale, were found an accumulator, 24 valves, a Morse key, and a M. & C. receiver, which formed the subjects of the four receiving charges.

Corporal Sanderson of the RAF Police identified the various articles as being Air Ministry property, and declared that the accumulator was of the type used in Sunderland aircraft. Several of these were stolen on March 8 and 9.

A large quantity of radar and wireless equipment, including valves, were stolen from Kai Tak on Feb. 9; six Morse keys, with other property, were lost by 110 Squadron Navigation Room; six receivers were lost from the Central Signals Servicing Station on July 15.

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ATTLEE CABINET FACING FOUR BIG PROBLEMS IN CRISIS

London, Sept. 8. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, returned from his holiday today to preside over tomorrow's first full meeting of the Cabinet since Parliament adjourned for the summer recess early in August. The Cabinet are facing four big problems. They have to:

1. Consider new measures to end Britain's biggest postwar coal stoppage now that 35,000 miners, a quarter of Yorkshire's mining labour force, have decided to continue the strike which has cost Britain 360,000 tons of coal and has severely hit the nation's vital textile, engineering and steel industries.

The strike, which at its peak last week involved nearly 70,000 men and 51 mts, now enters its fifth week.

2. Approve the "Cripps Plan" to stimulate British exports by 10 per cent during the next months, which Sir Stafford will present to both sides of industry in a London conference on Friday.

3. Decide on Britain's Palestine policy at the United Nations General Assembly, opening in New York on Sept. 16.

4. Examine the proposals which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, will put before Mr. John Snyder, head of the United States

16 Dead In Ferry Boat Disaster

Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 8. The bodies of 16 victims, flung into the River Plate after last night's collision between two ferry boats in Rio Harbour, have been recovered. One of the ferry boats sank and about 20 people were still missing today.—Reuter.

national Monetary Fund until the Marshall plan begins to operate.

Lords Session

There will be separate talks of representatives of the British Commonwealth nations, who, gathered for the meeting of the International Bank, were believed anxious to coordinate British Empire plans to meet the financial crisis.

The Dominion leaders may discuss with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, his idea of a Commonwealth and Empire Customs Union, proposed by Mr. Bevin last week to the annual conference of the Trades Union Congress at Southampton.

It was becoming apparent to informed political quarters that the Cabinet means to carry the whole burden of the crisis upon its own shoulders. There has been no Government proposal so far to recall the House of Commons from its summer recess to take the responsibility for the decisions.

The decision of the House of Lords to convene tomorrow is a move inspired by the Conservative and other Opposition peers of the Upper House, who outnumber the Government supporters by about 14 to one. This meeting of the Lords was not expected to produce spectacular political developments, however. The Lords will afterwards resume their vacation, but they may demand an earlier recall of the House of Commons, which is not due to resume until Oct. 20, by which time the Cabinet must have taken all measures necessary to fight the crisis.

Attlee Staying Harassed Labour Ministers must also consider tomorrow whether new measures can be taken to put an end to the present unofficial miners strike in Yorkshire, which is costing the nation much-needed coal. This has come as a fresh embarrassment at a time when, by a great effort, the Government seems likely to reach the target of 15,000,000 tons of coal reserve needed by October if there is to be no repetition of last winter's breakdown in electricity supplies.

Informed Labour quarters, deprecating the recent personal attacks upon Mr. Attlee's position, described him as still very much the occupant of the Premiership, and discounted speculation suggesting that an early Cabinet reshuffle would see a change in the supreme leadership.—Reuter.

ARABS BACK EGYPT

Cairo, Sept. 8. Ten Arab leaders, including Emir Abd El Krim, exiled Moroccan leader, Haj Amin El Husseini, former Mufti of Jerusalem, and Sayyed Mohammed Idris El Senussi, Libyan Arab leader, have accepted an invitation to attend a National Arab Congress, where they will urge that independence and unity be given to the peoples of the Nile Valley.

The invitation was made by Mohammed Ali Abouba Pasha, President of the Egyptian organization "Arab Union." The time and place for the Congress have not yet been fixed.—Reuter.

Murder Motive A Mystery

St. Louis, Sept. 8. Mystified police today admitted that they had extremely few clues in the apparently motiveless slaying of Mrs. Grace McAndrew, 44, wife of a construction engineer, reportedly employed by the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Company on construction work in Japan.

Grace and her daughter Mary, 22, were alone in their house in suburban Kirkwood when they heard the door bell ring. Mary said she heard her mother go to answer the door. "She talked calmly and quietly with the caller—I never looked to see who it was—for about 10 minutes. Suddenly I heard four shots. When I got downstairs, mother was lying in the doorway and the caller had disappeared."

Three .45 mm calibre bullets struck Mrs. McAndrew, killing her almost instantly.

The neighbours said they saw a man fleeing across the lawn wearing khaki uniform and a chauffeur's cap or an Army garrison cap. In an empty lot across the street an investigator found an Army .45 mm automatic. Mary said nothing valuable was missing from the house and could give no reason for the murder.—United Press.

Meeting On Korea Is Postponed

Washington, Sept. 8. The State Department formally announced that the four-power meeting on Korea, originally set for today, had been "postponed," following receipt of the Soviet note on the subject.

The contents of the Russian note have not yet been published. The United States proposed the meeting about a fortnight ago as a means of breaching the United States-Soviet deadlock over Korea, China and the United Kingdom have agreed to attend.

Reports were current here today that, as a result of Russia's refusal to discuss the matter on a four-power basis, the United States would either "throw the whole problem into the lap of the United Nations"—presumably at the General Assembly opening next week, or set up a provisional Korean Government in South Korea, accepting Russia's continued occupation of the northern half, which is mainly an agricultural area, as an accomplished fact.

The State Department spokesman today, however, said that he was not in a position to say what the next move will be in this field of the United States-Soviet conflict.—Reuter.

Americans Banned From Yugoslavia

Rome, Sept. 8. The United States Consular authorities disclosed today that the State Department ban on United States citizens travelling in Yugoslavia includes correspondents representing American newspapers and agencies.

The State Department prohibition was contained in instructions forwarded in June to all Consular representatives abroad. It followed announcements that the United States would not permit travel in Yugoslavia because the Tito government was unable to guarantee the safety of American citizens.

The Consular authorities said the instructions did not immediately apply to correspondents and other citizens in Yugoslavia with passports currently valid but eventually will affect them as soon as their passports expire or require renewal.

The regulations, unless modified, would mean that with the end of the normal two-year life of the passport, American newspapers and agencies will no longer be able to have U.S. correspondents in Yugoslavia.

The Yugoslav Government, however, supplies one loophole in the State Department provision by allowing certain foreigners to travel in its country with permits issued by the secret police and the Interior Ministry. This type of Yugoslav entry and travel permit may be issued to individuals who cannot fulfill normal visa and passport provisions.

The Consular authorities here intimated that "exceptions to the ban may be made by the State Department in Washington." They were unable to state whether the group of Protestant Ministers who visited Yugoslavia after their provision went into force travelled with the State Department "exceptions" or special Yugoslav permits.—United Press.

LONDON BOMBS A HOAX?

Paris, Sept. 8. The alleged Jewish terrorist plot to drop leaflets and then home-made bombs on London may have been a "hoax" or a propaganda "stunt" to coincide with the disembarkation of the "Exodus" Jewish refugees at Hamburg, well informed quarters in Paris believed this afternoon.

It was also thought that though the plot was given the appearance of a Stern Gang terrorist affair, it was entirely a personal venture on the part of Rabbi Korff, the 33-year-old co-chairman of the American Political Action Committee for Palestine, who was arrested as he was about to enter a private plane on what was alleged to be first leaflet raid.

One source close to police headquarters considered it strange that a "Jewish American newspaperman" should be waiting for a "scoop" at a remote airport like Toussus le Noble on Saturday night.

The opportunity was taken to test Southeast England air defences, which include the Royal Observer Corps, radar stations and night fighters.

A spokesman for the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, describing the affair as "a spectacular foolish stunt," said that it would be "absurd to connect this fantastic affair with the Irgun or Stern Gang terrorist groups."

Air Ministry Statement

In England, members of the Royal Observer Corps of civilian plane spotters were alerted today, following news from Paris of the alleged plot to bomb London.

Special Branch detectives from Scotland Yard continued to watch every plane in and out of Britain, and "suitable precautions" taken by the air defences during the weekend, were maintained.

In London, an Air Ministry spokesman said today: "On Friday afternoon, from information received from that Home Office Department that an attempt might be made to drop missiles on London, the opportunity was taken to test Southeast England's air defences, which includes the Royal Observer Corps, radar stations and night fighters."

Jews Detained

"By dark the system was in operation. On Friday night, every aircraft crossing the Southeast coast was picked up, reported, intercepted by night fighters and identified. There were no incidents."

A French Ministry of the Interior spokesman said that a judicial inquiry had been begun against those implicated in the plot "for holding pamphlets of foreign inspiration capable of inciting French national interests."

Two persons, originally apprehended by the French police, were released tonight. The people still detained were said to be Jews from either Poland or Hungary.—Reuter.

Nine Held

Paris, Sept. 9. A French court on Monday issued holding orders for nine persons, including an American rabbi, for further questioning in a security police investigation of an alleged plot to "bomb" London with 10,000 leaflets of the Stern Gang, a Palestine underground group. Simultaneously a spokesman for the Interior Ministry,



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ing of the Company will be held
at the Company's registered
office, P. & O. Building, Hong
Kong, at 11 o'clock in the fore-
noon on the 11th day of Septem-
ber 1947 for the purpose of
considering, and, if thought fit,
passing the following Resolution
as a Special Resolution:—

"That the Authorized
Capital of the Company be in-
creased from its present
Capital of \$12,000,000 divided
into 1,800,000 shares of \$10
each (of which 1,500,000
shares have been issued) to
\$50,000,000 by the creation of
3,200,000 additional shares of
the nominal value of \$10 each
and that such additional
shares shall rank in all respec-
ts pari passu with the
original Capital of the Com-
pany."

NOTICE is also given that if
the above Resolution is duly
passed as a Special Resolution,
it is the intention of the Directors
to close the Register of Members
of the Company for a period of
2 weeks from the 23rd day of
September 1947 to the 6th day
of October 1947 both days
inclusive. The Directors in
accordance with Article 12 of
the Articles of Association of
the Company will forthwith offer
to members shown on such
Register on the 22nd day of
September 1947, 300,000 shares
of the Company of the nominal
value of \$10 each (being the
present unissued Capital of the
Company) together with an
additional 300,000 shares of the
nominal value of \$10 each
created in accordance with the
above Special Resolution all at
par (such nominal value being
payable in full upon application
on or before the 30th day of
November 1947) so that each
member of the Company or his
approved nominee shall be
entitled to apply for and take
up two new shares for every
issued five shares then held by
such member. The shares so
offered, shall rank for dividend
as from the 1st day of October
1947.

If under the terms of the offer
any member would be entitled to
a fractional share the Directors
in lieu of issuing fractional
certificates will cause the whole
share to be issued to a person
or persons to be named by the
Directors and such share shall
at such time as the Directors
think fit be sold and the proceeds
distributed among the persons
entitled to the fractions making
up such share.

The Directors will dispose of
any shares offered to members
in the event of non-payment
thereof by members or their
approved nominees on or before
the 30th day of November 1947
at such time or times in such
manner and upon such terms
and conditions as they may
decide.

It is most important that any
persons who have purchased
shares in the Company but are
not on the Register in respect
thereof should, if they wish to
take advantage of the offer,
present their transfers for reg-
istration accompanied by the
required share certificates on or
before the 22nd day of Septem-
ber 1947.

The offer will be made by
notice sent by post to each
shareholder specifying the num-
ber of shares to which each
shareholder is entitled and such
offer, if not accepted either on
behalf of such member or his
nominee on or before the 30th
day of November 1947, will be
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URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

1. It is hereby notified that the
following Chinese public cemeteries
will be declared as closed
as from the 1st October, 1947:—

- (1) The Mount Caroline
Cemetery;
- (2) The Kai Lung Wan
Cemetery, West;
- (3) The Kallungwan West
Extension Cemetery;
- (4) The Kai Lung Wan
Cemetery, East;
- (5) The Chai Wan Cemetery;
- (6) The extension to Chai
Wan Cemetery.

As from the 1st October, 1947,
all Chinese burials which would
normally take place at the above
cemeteries will take place in the
New Kowloon Cemetery No. 7
at Ngau Chi Wan, Kowloon.

This notice does not refer to
private Cemeteries or to bona
fide residents of Aberdeen,
Aplicha, Shum Wan, Stanley,
and Shek-O who, for the present,
may be buried in the local public
cemeteries.

2. CROSS HARBOUR SER-
VICE. Unless arranged for
privately, Government will pro-
vide free cross harbour trans-
portation by means of coffin
boats which will be available to
receive coffins between the hours
of 2-5 p.m. daily at the follow-
ing Hong Kong boat stations:—

Tonnochy Road Pier.

Water Street Pier.

Except during typhoons, or on
any other occasion when the
service is unavoidably interrupted,
coffin boats will leave Hong
Kong for Winslow Street Pier,
Hung Hom, commencing at 9
a.m. daily. Should the service
be interrupted at any time the
coffins already received on board
will be suitably cared for.

3. IDENTIFICATION CARDS.
A coffin card (S.D. Form 454)
and Death Registration Certifi-
cate will be issued by the Births
and Deaths Registration Officer,
King's Building, ground floor,
at the time of registration of
death.

The coffin card must be
securely affixed to the HEAD
END of the coffin, and not to
the top, sides, or bottom of the
coffin.

The card must be fully and
properly filled in by either the
relatives or their undertaker.

Death registration certificate,
burial order, or other document
accompanying the coffin must be
handed to the coxswain of the
boat who will check each
coffin card with such certificate
or other document. No coffin
will be received without the
official document authorising the
burial of the coffin.

4. Flowers, wreaths, etc., may
be sent with the coffin and every
effort will be made to deliver
the same to the graveside with
the coffin.

5. No passengers will be per-
mitted to travel on the coffin
boats. Information as to the
approximate time of arrival of
the boat at Winslow Street Pier,
Hung Hom, may be obtained
from the coxswain.

6. On arrival at Winslow Street
Pier, Sanitary Department coffin
lorrys will be waiting to trans-
port the coffins to the New
Kowloon Cemetery No. 7. No
passengers will be permitted to
travel on the coffin lorrys.

7. Relatives, or undertakers,
are responsible for delivery of
coffins to the Hong Kong boat
stations at Tonnochy Road or
Water Street. The Sanitary
Department will then be respon-
sible for the handling of the
coffins until burial is completed.
However, if so desired, arrange-
ments may be made with the
Cemetery Inspector for the
relatives or undertakers to re-
ceive the coffin at the Hung
Hom pier for private transpor-
tation to the cemetery. Notice
of this intention should be made
as early as possible before the boat
leaves the Hong Kong pier.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,

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Hongkong, 1st Sept, 1947.

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Workers Object To Frills

London, Sept. 9.

The Ministry of Works
said today that "in view
of present day condi-
tions" no stands will be
erected in the streets for
Princess Elizabeth's
wedding.

The statement followed pas-
sage of a resolution by the
Amalgamated Society of Wood-
workers saying that the shortage
of lumber and other building
materials was acute and that
"the pomp and ceremony
associated with Royal weddings
would be out of harmony."

An amendment to the resolu-
tion, which will be considered
by the London Trades Council
this week, urges that the Prin-
cess's marriage to Lieut. Philip
Mountbatten on Nov. 20 be re-
garded "purely as the domestic
concern of the persons involved."

Wooden stands normally are
erected in London streets for
many State occasions in which
the Royal family takes part.

Associated Press.

Top Secret Report On Europe

London, Sept. 8

The allegedly "high secret" State
Department report, published
yesterday by a number of Ameri-
can newspapers which said that
14 European nations must have
more "outside economic aid" if
they are to recover and "fight the
threat of Communist domination,"
was believed in diplomatic quar-
ters here today to represent the
views of one or two individual
United States officials and not of
the State Department as a whole.

The view was based on the
fact that of the 14 countries men-
tioned in the "report" as needing
United States help in order to
equip them as a "bulwark against
Communism," there were three,
Finland, Poland and Czechoslo-
vakia which, possibly, as a re-
sult of Soviet pressure, did not
attend the Marshall aid confer-
ence in Paris.

Consequently, the report was
believed by many observers here
to be, if at all authentic, not at
any rate the official United
States policy.

A Foreign Office spokesman re-
fused all comment on the report,
and indicated that its existence
was unknown in Whitehall.—Reu-
ter.

CONSTITUTION FOR MALTA

Valletta, Sept. 8.

A new constitution, restoring
responsible government to the
Island of Malta after 14 years, as
a Crown Colony, will be proclaimed
on Wednesday by the Governor
of Malta, Mr. Francis Douglas.—
Reuter.

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Superintendent,
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Being Prevented By Transport Lack

London, Sept. 9.

About half a million persons have definitely de-
cided to emigrate from the United Kingdom
and only the shortage of transportation is de-
laying their departure, a United Press survey
showed today.

The number of inquiries received by officials in-
dicates that the total of prospective emigrants
would be greatly increased if the transpor-
tation problem was not so great.

Most of the migration will
be within the British Common-
wealth, principally to the Do-
minions. The United States is
the destination of most of those
leaving the Commonwealth,
with only negligible numbers
applying for permission to
move to Latin American coun-
tries and other non-English
speaking nations throughout
the world.

By far the largest number of
people want to go to Australia.
Australian officials in London
said they had 228,000 applica-
tions (estimated to represent
400,000 persons) for free or as-
sisted passage.

Although Australia has a
target of 70,000 immigrants
yearly, it is expected that there
will be only 6,000 by the end
of this year and 12,000 next
year. Applications on hand
fulfill the target for the next
five years.

However, these figures do not
include those who pay their
own fares and travel either by
sea or air, with delays up to
about a year in obtaining
passage.

South Africa

The situation for other coun-
tries was:

South Africa: Expects 16-
20,000 immigrants this
year with 35,000 registered ap-
plications on the waiting list
in London. Inquiries, 50 to 60
daily.

New Zealand: No figures on
waiting list available. Expects
1,000 to 1,500 immigrants un-
der the Government assistance
programme by the end of the
year. But transportation is
crowded by immigrants who
pay their own way. Inquiries,
2,000 weekly.

Canada: No waiting list
figures available. No official
estimate of the number of in-
quiries. During 18 months
from Sept. 30, 1945, to March
31, 1947, there were 55,875 im-
migrants from the United
Kingdom—a monthly rate of
more than 2,000. Transportation
is limited and crowded.

Southern Rhodesia: 250 to
300 immigrants monthly with

present transportation, 6,000 on
waiting list. Inquiries, 3,500
monthly, but not all are serious
and immigration is restricted
to persons with special skills.

The Colonies

United States: Quota for
British immigrants is 67,721
yearly, which has not been filled.
The London office, which
is the largest of four in the
United Kingdom, issued 6,599
visas in the year ended June 30,
1946, and 11,462 visas in the
year ended June 30, 1947. The
majority of persons making in-
quiries do not follow through
with applications and others
are unable to meet require-
ments.

British Colonies: Almost no
immigration since people go-
ing to the tropical areas nor-
mally go to specific jobs for a
specified period. There is a
small intake into Kenya and
Northern Rhodesia for special
positions and farming.—United
Press.

Ruhr Talks Open

Berlin, Sept. 8.

Talks started here today be-
tween representatives of the Brit-
ish and American Military Gov-
ernments and the French delega-
tion on Ruhr coal exports to
France.

Sir Cecil Weir, President of the
Economic Sub-Commission in the
Control Commission for Germany,
presided.

The talks, British circles said,
were merely of a preparatory
nature, and will deal with ques-
tions arising from the recent
three-power London meeting on
the level of industry in the joint
Anglo-United States "Zone."—Reu-
ter.

PATRIARCH DEAD

Alexandria, Sept. 8.

Monsignor Cyrille, 64-year-old
Greek Catholic Patriarch of An-
tioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem and
all the East since 1925, died
peacefully early today at his home
here.

His body will lie in state at the
Greek Catholic Cathedral in Alex-
andria.—Reuter.

MINERS' CHIEF WARNS: LABOUR MIGHT GO

London, Sept. 8.

Mr. Arthur Horner, Communist Secretary of the
National Union of Mineworkers, tonight war-
ned that a new coal crisis, such as Britain
suffered last year, could bring the downfall of
the Labour Government.

At a press conference, he de-
nounced the Grimthorpe min-
ers who had decided yesterday
to continue their strike and
thus gave the impetus to the
tie-up of the South Yorkshire
mines which, by tonight, in-
volved 48,000 men and 44 pits.
Recalling that the miners'
union had promised the Gov-
ernment and the National Coal
Board, which administers the
State-owned mines, that they
could guarantee the same
amount of coal with a five-day
week as had been produced in
a normal working week, he de-
clared: "If we cannot do that,
in effect we have dishonoured
the agreement we entered into."
"There is no possibility of a
tactical retreat here."
"If there is a retreat, it is a
retreat from the promises
made to Government to obtain
a five-day week."
"That means putting in Joe-
pardy the five-day week, and
that we cannot tolerate."
"If there is another coal
crisis such as last winter, it
can bring down the Govern-
ment. It is not even the fate
of the Government which is in-
volved, it is the fate of the
country."

Referring to yesterday's nar-
row margin in the Grimthorpe
vote, Mr. Horner said that less
than 100 men were holding
Yorkshire and the rest of the
miners' union in Britain to
ransom, and the attitude of the
Yorkshire miners was wreck-
ing the whole policy of the re-
forms to which the union had
set itself.—Reuter.

FOOD DESTROYED

New York, Sept. 8.

Tons of meat brought to the
United States by plane and ship
passengers from food-scarce Euro-
pean countries, have been seized
and destroyed to prevent the
spread of rinderpest and foot
and mouth disease.

The seizures are stated to
amount to 200 to 300 pounds daily
at the LaGuardia Airport and up
to two tons each ship arriving in
New York.

The meat is mostly brought
from the Mediterranean area by
passengers who wished to repay
persons who sent them food dur-
ing the war.—Reuter.

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Prime Minister In Hiding In Berlin

Hamburg, Sept. 8.

Dr. Rudolf Paul, Premier of
occupied Thuringia, who has
been missing since last Mon-
day, was believed tonight to
be in hiding in the Western
sector of Berlin.

Well-informed circles denied
that an abandoned automobile,
found at Heiligenstadt, near
the boundary of the Russian
and American Zones, and first
thought to have been Dr.
Paul's, did in fact belong to
him.

The Premier's disappearance
followed reports from
Weimar, Thuringian capital,
that he had lost favour with
the Russians.—Reuter.

munication from Einar Hen-
nings, Swedish Ambassador to
Russia, the White Paper said
the official French attitude in
late January 1940 was to send
troops to Finland immediately
by way of Petsamo, Murmansk
or possibly Narvik, Norway.—
United Press.

Stockholm, Sept. 8.

Britain and France
were prepared to send
troops at "short notice"
early in 1940 to fight
with Finland in her los-
ing struggle against
Russia, a Swedish White
Book revealed today.

Secret war documents pub-
lished by the Foreign Office
disclosed that insistence by
Sweden on maintaining neutral-
ity and the Swedish belief that
peace was near, stopped the
British and French from de-
claring war on Russia.
According to an official com-



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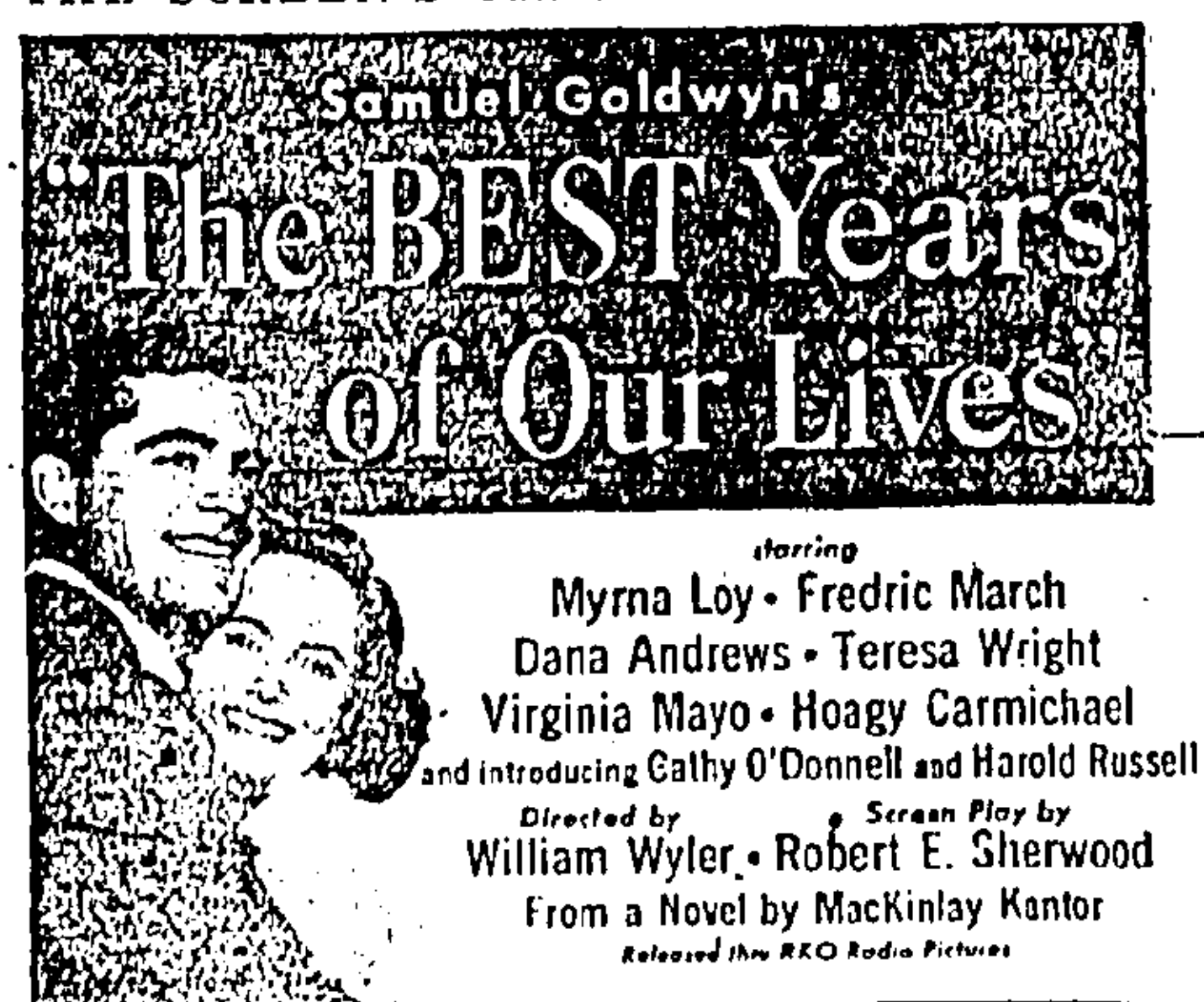
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Mr. Chen Li-Fu Objects To American Criticism

Nanking, Sept. 8.
Mr. Chen Li-fu, Kuomintang leader and close adviser to the Generalissimo, said that "if the United States does not intend giving aid to China it should at least refrain from public criticism of the Chinese Government," and claimed that the United States is pursuing a contradictory policy in the fight against Communism.

In an exclusive interview with the United Press today, the 48-year-old former head of the Kuomintang's anti-Communist section asked why the United States "spends millions to expose American Communists and exclude them from the Government while they are still not giving up attempts to include them in the Chinese Government?"

He claimed that corruption in China has been greatly exaggerated and advocated Confucius teaching as the best moral basis for reform of the Chinese Government and the fight against the Communists.

Mr. Chen said he recognized the good intention in Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's criticism, but questioned whether the "way he stated them was wise or not."

"I doubt in fact that any public statement should have been issued at all," Mr. Chen said, "since I am under the impression that Gen. Wedemeyer's main task was to report back to President Truman and not make what virtually amounted to a policy statement while here in China."

The silver-haired disciple of Confucius said there was little new in Gen. Wedemeyer's statement except the assertion that China must help herself through her own efforts with which he thoroughly agreed.

"Naturally, we would welcome outside assistance," he said, "because we shall need more time to recover without outside aid."

why some Americans "still persist in regarding the Chinese Communists differently from American Communists."

"You say the Communists in the United States are disloyal to America," he said. "Why then do you think the Chinese Communists are loyal to the best interests of China?"

"Gen. Marshall tried for months to make them 'loyal' and finally reached the conclusion that they were Marxists and not just 'agrarian reformers' as so many of our foreign friends would like to believe. If the Communists in America called themselves 'agrarian reformers' or perhaps 'industrious reformers' would you offer them cabinet posts?"

The American-educated mining engineer, who claims inflation is always followed by demoralization, said a great majority of the Chinese civil servants are honest, and claimed that the "few who are dishonest are concentrated in the cities where foreigners live, thus creating a false impression that many or all public officials in China are corrupt."

Communism

Mr. Chen said he was "worried" over the fast growth of the Communist organization in the United States and failed to understand

"One should remember that today most Chinese civil servants are receiving about one-third to one-tenth of the income they got before the war," Mr. Chen said. "Under those circumstances the surprising fact is not that there is so much corruption but that there is so little complaint."

"I would like to see how much corruption there would be in the United States civil service under similar circumstances. When China recovers economically the problem of corruption will disappear. A rich country can eliminate corruption."

Mr. Chen, who together with his elder brother, Chen Kuo-fu, forms what is popularly known as the CC clique in the Kuomintang, said he saw no discrepancy between the teachings of Confucius and the development of modern industrial democracy.

"Has Christianity stood in the way of western scientific and industrial development?" he asked. "We cannot offer the youth of our country material incentive alone if we are to effectively fight Communism," Mr. Chen continued. "We must offer them an ideal. Confucianism with its roots in our traditional culture and an emphasis on patriotism and a strict moral code provides just such inspiration."—United Press.

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SUCH AS PROF. LIAO?

San Francisco, Sept. 9.
President C. T. Liao of South Eastern University commented on Monday that "there are too many generals who know nothing about government, holding high positions in the Chinese Government."

One of the 1,400 passengers on the liner "General W. H. Gordon," he told newspapermen, "The United States should find some way to encourage the present Central (Chinese) Government to utilize some of the educated and thinking men in the government."—Associated Press.

NANKING TO PUSH "EXTERMINATION OF COMMUNIST MENACE"

Washington, Sept. 8.
It was revealed today that the Chinese Government told the United States it intended to proceed with "extermination of the Communist menace" and rehabilitation of war-torn China with or without American assistance, a reliable source said.

Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, who on Aug. 24 completed a six-week tour of China, has been charged by Chinese sources with "bad faith" in releasing his statement on the Chinese situation only a few hours after being told of the steps Nanking was taking to eradicate Government abuses.

Chinese sources here said Gen. Wedemeyer implied, after talking with Chiang Kai-shek, that he would make no public statement until he arrived back in the United States. On the basis of this implied understanding, it was added, the Chinese Government did not release the lengthy statement it had made to Gen. Wedemeyer.

The statement, which the United Press received through reliable channels, discounted criticisms of the Chinese Government made by "observers unacquainted with Chinese events in the past." It went on to assert that a nation which was "forced to fight Japan single-handed" for more than four years has overcome its present problems.

It added that the full extent of governmental reforms already instituted by Nanking was not generally appreciated.

Four Steps

The statement given Gen. Wedemeyer listed four steps which it said Chiang intended to pursue at once:

1. "The Communists as an armed force must be suppressed. No half measures should be considered... the outcome of his struggle is bound up with the peace and security of the whole Far East."

2. Effective inflation control steps will be taken "with no further delay."

3. Economic rehabilitation will be intensified "as Government resources permit."

4. Political reforms which already have resulted in "building up basic democratic institutions and practices" will continue.

Democracy

Gen. Wedemeyer was told, "Whatever one may say of the National Government of China, one cannot possibly accuse it of

not having steadily pursued preparatory work for a democratic government."

The Chinese statement cited the organization of democratic provisional provincial councils in "nearly all provinces," with a high percentage of elected councilors, as being evidence of how deeply reform already has penetrated. It reviewed the development of the People's Political Council, composed of other parties in addition to the Government's Kuomintang Party, as indicating the scope of the reform programme.

Gen. Wedemeyer was told China's troubles stemmed directly from the fact that the Chinese Communists interfered with reconstruction work to the greatest possible extent. The statement said that despite this the Nanking Government had restored a considerable amount of communications, expected to double cotton production this year and had taken measures "to revitalize rural economy."

Complex Problems

It also said, "China's critics are prone to lose sight of the vastness of the country, the weaknesses of its traditional, economic and social structure, and the complexity of the problems with which she is confronted."

Their views and backgrounds, the statement continued, were apt to be based too much on the situation of the given moment without due regard to background. This "background," it added, covered the struggle China made during the 1920's and early 1930's toward democratic reform and the fact that she was attacked by Japan in 1937 while still not a tightly knit political entity.—United Press.

Snow Falls In Hokkaido

Tokyo, Sept. 9.
A Sapporo dispatch to the newspaper Asahi said today that Mount Tokachi in Hokkaido was covered with a white mantle on Sunday morning after the first snowfall since the summer. The snowfall occurred on Saturday night.

The Japanese weather observatory at Asahikawa said the fall was the earliest since 1906. The observatory reported that the snowfall was 20 days earlier than the average date and eight days in advance of the first snow in 1946.—United Press.

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STRIKE SHOCK

Responsibility for the latest breakdown in negotiations for a settlement of the dockyard strike seems to rest on the shoulders of the employers. Met with the delegates of the Chinese Engineers' Institute to negotiate on the basis of the 45 per cent. offer made on Friday, they appear to have made a yet better offer at one stage, on the condition that all workers represented by the C.E.I. reported for duty at once, and then, when it was urged that this condition was difficult of fulfillment, returned to the original offer with variations so much less satisfactory in their terms than appeared on the face of the Friday offer that the sharp reaction of the strikers was inevitable. We, who have been urging upon the leaders of trade unions in Hong Kong the bringing of a sense of responsibility to negotiations affecting labour conditions and welfare, very obviously, have overlooked another party to which the recommendation might equally well have been addressed. In the employers' action, there is little suggestive of those attributes of patience and moderation which are essential from both sides if industrial harmony is to be restored and relations placed on a sound basis. On the contrary, (whether due to a misunderstanding or not, makes no difference) a monkey-wrench has been thrown into the works just at a time when it appeared that a position had been built up, by virtue of pains-taking effort, whereby conflicting angles might have been adjusted. The most encouraging feature, incidentally, had been the elimination, as far as could be detected, of the emotional content of the dispute. Now, the ground gained in that direction has been entirely lost, and the mood of the strikers at their general meeting on Monday night, the recentment displayed, must make it far more difficult for persuasiveness to achieve the early end of the strike that had been hoped for, and was confidently expected. Whatever explanation offers for the final approach of the employers to the problem, none that helps to full understanding has been forthcoming. It is not to be found in the statement issued yesterday afternoon and published elsewhere in this issue. The strikers' representatives, without hesitation, have accepted the present attitude of the employers as a direct challenge; and it has to be admitted that external appearances are in their favour. The hint that an undefined number of workmen would find themselves unable to get their jobs back was ill-advised. The discovery that the C.E.I. and the employers had quite different ideas as to the persons to whom agreed basic pay increases would be held to apply, came extraordinarily late in the day, although logic is on the employers' side. On what seemed to them to be new conditions, the strikers' delegates had no authority to continue the discussions and the employers must have been well aware of this when their final proposals were submitted. Could conditions have changed so materially between Friday and Monday? If such is to be urged, the facts presented will need to be more convincing than any so far tendered. Altogether, it looks to be a poor use indeed, of the bargaining-table, particularly harmful at a time when there might be a danger of inflating the dockyard strike into something else.

Larger System

But we have also made the sterling area part of a much larger monetary system. By suspending the convertibility of pounds into dollars, we have put a fence round part of the world. Inside the fence lies all North and South America, except Argentina and Brazil; Canada, for many reasons, in an enclave of her own. Outside the fence lies the rest of the world. We have, thus, a dollar area and a non-dollar area. Pounds will be interchangeable among the different countries outside the fence, as they have been in the recent past. But no longer will we let them pass over the fence, to be exchanged into currencies inside. The value of the pound is maintained. The dollar exchange rate remains at \$4.83 to the pound, and the price of gold is unaltered.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

We were lately induced to visit Macao, partly to learn what was going on in that quarter and partly for a change; and we may remark that on board the steamer "Canton" we were extremely comfortable and quite agree with those who wish these trips were weekly during the summer months. However, this is a matter of individual feeling;—no doubt, the movements of the "Canton" will be regulated by other considerations,—first, profit,—second, the greatest amount of inconvenience to the public generally. . . .

Recently, a correspondent in Canton has been commenting upon the policy of the Macao Governor, of which he does not appear to think very highly. He may be right or he may be wrong; but Senhor Amaral is a public man, and he may expect that in a colony where the press is free, his public character will be scrutinized at times—as to his private character, it may be good, bad, or indifferent for anything we either know or care. We have always looked on him as an energetic officer; well fitted to be Governor of a Portuguese settlement, but quite unfit to govern an English settlement.

ORPHANS FOR AFRICA

One hundred orphans from Germany and Austria will shortly be brought into the Union by the Afrikaans Children Fund, with the permission of the South African Government. The organization will be allowed to sponsor the entry of more orphans when it proves it has sufficient funds to maintain the children until they become of age.—Reuter.

DOLLAR CRISIS: WHAT IS THE WAY OF ESCAPE

By Norman Crump

The other evening Mr. Dalton told the world that we were no longer able to exchange their pounds into dollars, because we had practically no dollars left. That, in simple language, is the meaning of the suspension of convertibility. The real question is: what consequence flows from this announcement?

When we signed the loan terms in Washington nearly two years ago, we agreed that within one year of the agreement taking effect, we would make sterling convertible. That crucial date was reached on July 15. The world rushed to turn its sterling into dollars, with the result that on August 15 we had almost exhausted our available dollar credits.

Washington recognizes that fact. It agrees that we cannot supply what we have not got. But we have been forced to admit that we can no longer carry out the full terms of the Loan Agreement. Therefore we have decided to suspend our drawings upon the loan.

The Task

Our immediate task is to match our imports against our exports. Unless a country is willing to take payment in sterling, which can be spent only in the non-dollar area, we shall be unable to spend in that country, whether on goods or services, more than she spends with us. That means that the non-discrimination clause of the American Loan Agreement must be performed in limbo. So, too, must the International Trade Organization, the Geneva Conference, and all that Conference's objectives.

This is a hard saying, but there is no escape from it. We are no longer able to buy freely from the dollar areas. Therefore we cannot be expected to make proportionate reductions in our purchases from the non-dollar area, which is what non-discrimination implies. On the contrary we must buy from the non-dollar area as much as we can afford.

We also have to see how much other countries will be prepared to sell to us under the new conditions. At the moment they are taking stock of their position, and this explains the temporary suspension of exchange dealings which were announced recently from several centres. Countries, such as Argentina, which feel that they must have dollars, may be tempted to curtail their exports to us in the hope of diverting them to the dollar area. On the other hand, the British market is so important to their producers that they may well think twice before relinquishing it. And Argentina today has a special need for sterling, for she has to complete the purchase of her railways.

Taking the world as a whole, we may see for the time being a certain reluctance to sell to us. We may also witness a

reversal of the upward trend of commodity prices, and this would come to us, and to other countries, as a welcome relief. There is no doubt that we shall have to make an immediate and drastic reduction in our imports. It is also true that the easiest way for us to revive world confidence in the pound, and to make the world ready to sell to us, is to convince the world that we can sell to them what they want to buy.

Duty On Whole World

That is one of the duties which lies before us. It means a reorientation of our system of production, with all its reactions upon our home economic and social life. But a duty also rests on the whole world. The danger is that for lack of the means of exchange the world is becoming divided up into compartments, which find difficulty in trading with each other. This leads to the gradual but inexorable strangulation of world trade.

What, then, is the way of escape? First, let each country put its own house in order and establish confidence in its own currency. Then let the bankers and traders of the United States and other hard-currency countries gain the courage to hold part of their resources in the currencies of other countries. In that way they can enable their farmers and manufacturers to continue producing for export, even though those exports are not balanced by imports. This involves some risk. It is true, but the alternative is the far greater risk of a world-wide slump parallel to that of eighteen years ago.

That is the real lesson of the past week, but it is a lesson which we ought not to attempt to teach until we have put our own house in order.

Britain and Greece

London, Sept. 8.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain felt "lively satisfaction" over the formation of a Greek coalition government by the Liberal leader, Themistocles Sofoulis.

The Foreign Office hoped that the Greek guerrillas will make the greatest possible use of the amnesty offer and complete internal peace will be established ultimately.

British official circles stressed that there is no connection between the withdrawal of British forces from Greece and further internal developments in that country.—United Press.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Sept. 8.

British public-school boys, who will spend seven weeks exploring the barren tracts of unmapped Newfoundland, were among passengers in the steamship Nova Scotia, which has just completed her first post-war voyage from Liverpool to St. Johns.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authority

SEARCH FOR A 4-4 FIT

If a player is going to have any special tendency in the bidding, probably the most profitable would be one which makes him search primarily for a major suit fit of four cards, opposite four cards. With a medium amount of strength, such a contract will produce game more often than any other effort, especially if either of the partners has a doubleton or singleton which renders possible the use of one or more trumps for ruffing. Prejudice in favour of such a contract will pan out better in the long run than the favoritism which so many players show to No Trump game tries.

SA 10 5 4
H A K 5 4
D 9 7 4
C A 8

SQ98 HJ86 D10 GJ1073
W E S
SK6 HJ732 D A 3 D K 8 3 C 6 5 4

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable):
North East South West
IS Pass 2D Pass
2NT Pass 3NT
3NT

The average declarer would never take more than eight tricks in that contract after a club lead—two in spades, three in hearts, two in diamonds and one in clubs. This one, a fine cardman, had a terrible job to pull it through by means of a squeeze. He won the second club, scored the heart A

and Q, then decided to try to squeeze East between spades and diamonds. To get his timing, he led the spade 6 and let the 8 win it, discarded on two more clubs, then won the diamond J return with the A. He took in the spade K, then led the heart 7 to the K. That pinched East. The dummy still retained the "diamonds" K-8 and heart 3, and the closed hand of the spade A-10 and diamond 9. East, with the spade J-7, could not toss one of those without promoting the 10, so he discarded from his diamond Q-6. Then the spade A, diamond 9 to the K and diamond 8 took the last three tricks.

If North had bid 2-Hearts instead of 2-NT, Trumps, on his second turn, South would have raised to 4-Hearts, an easy contract in which anyone could lose only one trick each in hearts; clubs and diamonds to get a game worth 20 points more than the extremely difficult 3-No Trumps.

Tomorrow's Problem

SA J 7 H K 8 6 3 D K 4 C 6 5 4

SA J 7 H K 8 6 3 D K 4 C 6 5 4

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable):
North East South West
IS Pass 2D Pass
2NT Pass 3NT
3NT

What bidding would you counsel on this deal after West opens with 1-Heart?

CARNIVAL FIRE By Dick Turner



"Gee, Sis, why do you hafta date that guy from the Internal Revenue department? He gives me two bits and then takes back a dime!"

Heat Spells Health In Seville By W.T. Stuttard

A temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade, with little fluctuation, in Seville's experience at present. "Andalusia's Queen" as Seville is called, is living up to her reputation. At the end of August the shade temperature rarely falls to pass the 100 degrees mark.

How do people live in such extreme heat? Apparently the inhabitants of this city live very well. A report is usually published showing that doctors have much less to do during these days of scorching heat than in the winter. It is added on occasions that some days pass without one funeral, these details being advanced to prove that "Seville" is one of the healthiest cities in Spain and that the heat has a beneficial effect.

Still with all this one could hardly recommend this very interesting and historic city as a place in which to spend the month of August. Except at nights—and I must say they can be wonderful—you perspire when you venture into the street.

Only Sevilleans know how to live through these torrid days. The "patio" (courtyard) is the principal refuge against the heat. Outside windows are well fastened up and shuttered, and from the sun-baked street the houses have a deserted aspect. All life is in the "patio."

The Patio

The Sevillian "patio" has been widely sung and praised by Spanish poets. Anything more exquisite after its kind, more perfectly ordered, delicately arranged and beautifully kept than the courtyard of a Sevillian gentleman's house would be difficult to imagine.

The poorer classes follow suit with success. All houses have their "patio." There are no massive doors such as you see in Castile, giving the aspect of a castle or a prison. Instead there are delicately wrought iron gates which set off the enticing picture within.

The "patio" usually has a marble pavement or one of pretty blue tiles, a colonnade and fountain, palm trees, plants and flowers, with here and there a coquettishly-placed cage of singing birds. And over the top in summer is an awning to keep out the sun's rays which produces a pleasant soft light over the whole scene inside. Here in this ideal setting together the Sevillians talk over the events of the day, gossip and discuss the latest temperature. During the hottest hours the women may be seen stealthily manipulating their fans as only Spanish women can. In the afternoon when nobody would venture into the street unless obliged to, chatter in the "patio" ceases; it is time for the siesta.

One of Seville's outstanding characteristics in summer is the awning. Some of the principal streets are covered with huge awnings, which stretch from one roof to the other. There are awnings everywhere. Of course, it is possible to have these in the narrow, picturesque streets of Seville.

Wide, straight avenues afford little protection against Andalusia's burning sun. The

Moors, who were responsible for much of Seville's street planning, knew that narrow, winding streets were the best defence against the sun's rays. From early morning until late afternoon the awnings are drawn across certain streets in the centre.

Cafe Scene

A morning saunter, to mix with the throng in the cafe or casino gives one insight into the people's character. Tables outside are everywhere, but there are certain streets where the men go before luncheon (the women being generally at home) to drink their small glasses of "Manzanilla"—the famous local wine.

These are always accompanied by some morsel to eat—a prawn, a few roasted almonds, a shrimp or two, a couple of anchovies, a sardine, a few olives or a small piece of fried fish. Each "chato" has its "tapa" (with each glass of manzanilla there is something to eat). There is a long range of drinks at bars and cafes, as in the rest of Spain, but the "chato de manzanilla" with its corresponding "tapa" to eat, is typical of Seville.

Seville is situated on the Guadalquivir, some 50 miles from the sea. The majority of those who desire a cooling bath must perforce go to the open-air swimming pools, or dive into the murky waters of the Guadalquivir itself, which thousands do. Its dangerous currents, however, often produce a list of victims in the summer.

All over the city there are stalls and burrows selling ice-cream, and soft drinks of all flavours and shades. During these hot days Sevillians consume many "higos Chumbos" (prickly pears), which they consider a refreshing fruit. The "prickly" outside skin is peeled off and people eat the soft and juicy interior. A good drink of water usually follows the eating of "higos chumbos" from the typical earthenware drinking vessels at hand for all customers.

Open-air cinemas in all the poorer quarters on any available piece of ground, with very reduced prices, provide amusement for thousands of families until after midnight.

Horse-driven open carriages come into their own in summer. And nothing is more enjoyable than a midnight drive, especially if the moon is up, around the charming "pasos" and "plazas" of old Seville with over-arching acacia trees, beautiful gardens, date palms, orange and lemon trees. But with the temperature at 104 degrees in the shade, you have to get through the torrid days before enjoying the gorgeous nights.

40-HOUR-WEEK

Melbourne, Sept. 9.

A full arbitration court has granted members of 53 trade unions a 40-hour week effective the first pay period next January. This is a cut of four hours in the 20-year-old 44-hour standard. Some 900,000 workers throughout Australia will be affected by the change.—Associated Press.

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ERNEST BEVIN'S TWO POINTS

London Reaction To Customs Union

(By Sydney Gampell)

London, Sept. 8.

Although untidily expressed, Mr. Ernest Bevin's two points—U.S. gold and Empire Customs Union—seemed less outrageous than commonly supposed.

The Anglo-American loan agreement made a British Empire Customs Union less chimerical than ever before. It still is not wanted by the public in Britain or any of the Dominions, but they still may find alternatives even worse. There are prospects of integratory measures which may finally resemble an Empire Customs Union more than they resemble the present system.

Mr. Bevin's reference to United States gold stocks has been derided in the United States but something about gold may yet figure in financing the Marshall Plan.

There is a great psychological and political difficulty but no technical or economic difficulty in releasing the United States gold stock from its present role of backing United States currency. As Mr. Bevin hinted, the gold stock is technically the simplest though it is not the only way in which the Marshall plan could be financed without United States taxation.

Colossal Boom
The United States export boom is colossal but too small as compared with other elements in United States inflation to make much difference either way. The continued financing of United States export surplus would not greatly aggravate internal inflation while deflation of United States exports need not cause a United States internal slump.

Between 1939 and 1947, the United States national income soared from \$80,000,000,000 to an annual rate of \$225,000,000,000. Of this stupendous increase of \$145,000,000,000, the export surplus comprised only \$9,000,000,000. This export tail can hardly be wagging the whole dog of United States prosperity.

Too Vulnerable
Intrinsically, some definition of the export boom would strengthen rather than weaken United States economy. Nevertheless, some other elements in the United States national income (especially lavish expansion in internal capital investment) begin to look too vulnerable for anybody to want to gamble on the risk of an export slump detonating an internal slump.

Moreover, as the highlight of world interest, the Marshall plan and other foreign aid is also of the highest United States interest. The United States remains the most vulnerable of all in the sense that as the richest nation it has most to lose—Reuter.

ARGENTINE GOLD
Buenos Aires, Sept. 8. Sovereign buyers 65.00. Sovereign, sellers 68.00. U.S.\$20 Eagle, buyers 119.00, U.S.\$20 Eagle, sellers 122.00. Gold, Bar, Gramme, buyers 6.85, Gold, Bar, Gramme, sellers 6.05—Reuter.

U.S. TREASURY
Washington, Sept. 9. Treasury position on Sept. 4 compared with the corresponding date a year ago.
Total debt: \$259,793,460,018.72 and \$265,853,951,097.21.
Gold assets: \$21,765,862,055.70 and \$20,287,626,037.17—Associated Press.

NEW YORK SILVER
Silver bar (asked price) 70 1/2—Reuter.

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SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	READY
"SANGOLA"	Straits & Calcutta	November
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SHIP	FROM	DUE
"NELLORE"	Melbourne, Sydney & Suva	12th September
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SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	READY
"NANKIN"	Kuro	26th September
"NELLORE"	Manilla, Rabaul, Sydney & Melbourne	Early October

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Open Market Rates In Shanghai

Shanghai, Sept. 9.
T. T. on New York per US\$1 buyers 39,500, sellers 40,500; T. T. on London per £1 118,500, 121,500.
Forward rates, which are limited to three months, differ by month by not more than five per cent.
The appointed banks are allowed a margin of 500 points either way in the case of the American dollar from the Central Bank's rate, and a margin of 2,000 points in the case of Sterling—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Sept. 8.
The stock market turned downward for the seventh straight Monday with steels, motors, rubbers, coppers and rails leading the decline. Most pivotal elements fell in two or more points down.

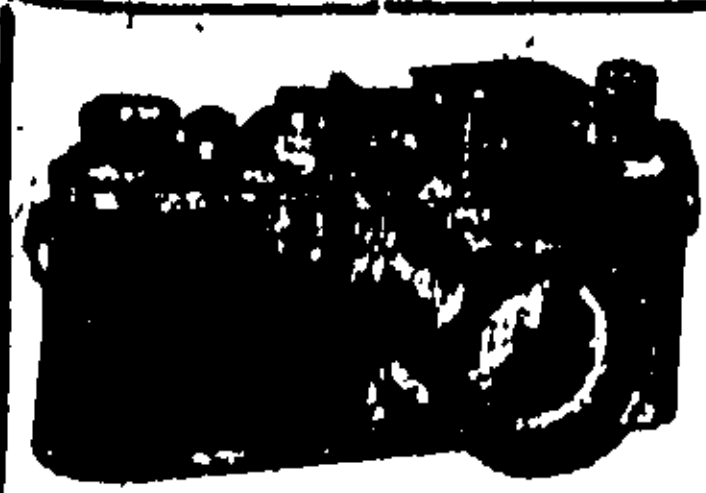
Transfers totalled 830,000 shares. Persistent pessimism over the foreign economic situation largely was blamed for the selling. Losers included Universal Pictures, Paramount Pictures, Norfolk and Western, Dow Chemical, Air Reduction, Phillips Petroleum, Santa Fe, Union Pacific. The gainers included Francisco Sugar. Stocks: 62.89, 20 Industrials 17.14, 15 Rails 47.14, 10 Utilities 35.12.

Closing stock quotations:
Adam Express 16 1/2, Alaska Juneau 4 1/2, American Can 8 1/2, American Smelting 58, American Telephone 159 1/2, American Tobacco 73 1/2, American Waterworks 15 1/2, Anaconda Copper 32 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5, Baldwin Locomotive 16 1/2, Barnsdall 28 1/2, Bend Aviation 30, Bethlehem Steel 45, Boeing Aircraft 10, Borden Co. 42, Canadian Pacific 10 1/2, J.I. Case 36 1/2, Chrysler 56 1/2, Colgate 44 1/2, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2, Corn Products 62 1/2, Dupont 188, Eastman Kodak 44, Electric Light & Power 16, General Electric 32 1/2, General Motors 56 1/2, Goodrich 52, Goodyear 43 1/2, Greyhound 9 1/2, Homestead Mining 43 1/2, International Harvester 33, International Paper 46 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 19 1/2, Johns Manville 40 1/2, Kennecott Copper 5 1/2, Montgomery Ward 57 1/2, National Titaniums 20 1/2, National Lead 32 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 43 1/2, Pan American Airways 10, Pennsylvania R.R. 18, Radio Corp. 8, Real Silk 11 1/2, Republic Steel 25 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 40 1/2, Schenley 28 1/2, Sears Roebuck 37, Shell Oil 29 1/2, Socon 41 1/2, Standard Brands 20 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 58 1/2, Standard Vacuum 16, Southern Pacific 10 1/2, U.S. Rubber 42 1/2, Steel 68, U.S. Lines 17 1/2, Westinghouse 27 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 65 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 13 1/2—Associated Press.

U.K. INDEX
Industrials 131.3, Ralls 103.9, Home Ralls 92.8, Commodity 335.6—Reuter.

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43.	Canadian Pacific 10 3/4,
44.	Chrysler 36 1/2,
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48.	Electric Light 16,
49.	General Electric 32 1/2,
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52.	Goodyear 43 3/4,
53.	Greyhound 9 1/2,
54.	International Harvester 83,
55.	International Paper 46 3/4,
56.	International Tel 10 1/2,
57.	Johns Manville 10 1/2,
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HONG KONG SOCCER SEASON OPENS

The Hong Kong football season opens unofficially this afternoon when the first round of the Seven-a-Side Charity Competition for the Stanley Shield is played on the Club ground. Forty-two teams have entered and the net proceeds will be donated to the International Red Cross and other charities.

The origin of the Shield is interesting. At Stanley International Camp early in 1942, there were a few hardy souls who could not resist kicking a ball. There were also a number of Hong Kong Football Association officials and league players interned there and it was decided that a competition should be organized among blocks of quarters.

This was done and after a few games Mr. N.B. Fraser of the Police suggested that a trophy of some sort should be put up. Without any fuss and little or no argument, a number of interned soldiers were asked to see how they could solve the trophy problem. Mr. S.C. Feltham agreed to design the shield and Mr. B.A. Mansell undertook to make it.

A suitable piece of wood was stolen from under the noses of the Japanese by members of our police force. After a long time and with much patience and with the assistance of many interned soldiers, a shield was made. The tools were of the crudest kind such as old razor blades, pen knife blades, pieces of glass, sand, and the covers, nails, etc.

The next season the competition was abandoned owing to the bad health of the players. The precious trophy was stored away and it was decided that it be handed over to the Hong Kong Football Association as soon as it was possible, with a request that it be competed for annually on a seven-a-side basis and that the proceeds of the game be allocated to the International Red Cross or other societies which had done so much to lessen the sufferings of the internees during the occupation.

Last year nearly \$4,000 was raised through this competition which was won by Sing Tao. All the laws of soccer apply in this competition, with the exception that only seven players a side are permitted. There is no off-side rule and in the event of the score being equal at full time the team with the greater number of corners will be the winner of the match.

Another ruling is that the same seven players must play through out the competition which is on a knock-out basis.

Today's Games

The following are today's and tomorrow's games:—
C. Club "A" v. H.K. "A" (5 p.m.)
Referee: A.F. Willis.
Kitchener v. Club "B" (6 p.m.)
Referee: E.J. Nichols.
Devons "B" v. S. China "B" (7 p.m.)
Referee: A.J.S. Farmer.
H.K. "B" v. Chinese A.A. "B" (7 p.m.)
Referee: F.A. Barretto.
H.K. "A" v. Club "Rugby" (7 p.m.)
Referee: P.J. Manson.

Thursday, Sept. 11

R.A.F. "B" v. R.N. "B" (5 p.m.)
Referee: J.F. Silva.
R.N. "C" v. Devons "A" (5.30 p.m.)
Referee: Y.T. Leung.
R.A. "B" v. Police "A" (6 p.m.)
Referee: F.H. Bullock.
Dockyard v. R.N. "E" (6.30 p.m.)
Referee: P.T.H. George.
S. China "A" v. Sing Tao (7 p.m.)
Referee: L.G. Young.
Clubs must supply linemen to all games.

Soccer Results

The following are the results of football games played tonight:

FIRST DIVISION		
Villa	3	Everton
Blackpool	1	Blackburn
Burnley	0	Manchester U.
Sheffield U.	3	Liverpool
Stoke	0	Preston
SECOND DIVISION		
Cardiff	5	Southampton
Leicester	3	Luton
Millwall	2	Cheshamfield
West Ham	1	Spurs
THIRD SOUTH		
Bristol R.	1	Palace
THIRD NORTH		
Manfield	2	Carlisle
Southport	2	Darlington
Stockport	0	Wrexham
—Reuter.		

—Reuter.

Compton's Record

Hastings, Sept. 9. Compton, the England and Middlesex cricketer, when 35 not out in the second innings for the South of England against Sir Pelham Warner's side, made an aggregate for the season world record of 3,519 runs. The previous best was Tom Hayward's 3,518 in 1906.—Reuter.

Yachting Notes

Last weekend was one of varied fortunes, with unreliable and patchy winds, and the element of luck entered largely into the results at the expense of skill and racing tactics. Sunday morning's race, when (in the re-sale of the previous weeks' Club versus Navy race) the Club beat the Navy by 84 points to 52, was a good example.

The race started with a beat to Causeway Bay and then out to B.27 buoy. The tide was flooding strongly with a light South East Wind. The leading boats worked well up tide and up wind whilst others drifted down wind and down tide—but then the wind changed direction completely to the west and the boats that had drifted away down tide were suddenly placed in front by the change of wind; and those who had worked up wind became last.

Saturday afternoon there was a good "Star" race, but the dinghies all had had to be towed back when they drifted helplessly down tide. Sunday afternoon was better, but only two out of 9 dinghies finished the course, the rest according to a tow, or pulling and rowing back. Everybody made up for the weekend's beat—and it can be hot sitting in a dinghy waiting for a breeze, and drifting down-tide—during the informal party in the evening on Kellie Island.

It was the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's third annual night, and with an Hawaiian Banquet in attendance it soon became an informal dance which all enjoyed. Members should make a note in their diaries: the first Sunday in each month is "Guest Night at Kellie Island." A special announcement will be made before the next Guest Night, however, as it is hoped to arrange the opening Regatta of the 1947/48 season to coincide with it.

Members also should keep Friday, Sept. 26, a free night, as the annual general meeting will be held at Kellie Island that evening, the annual report will be presented and officers elected for the coming year.

Saturday Afternoon

STARS:—
Donetsch (Brookwood) 1,35.55
Atala (Christensen, Miss) 1,36.55
Dorah (Chilwell, Miss D. Leach) 1,40.25
Albion (Hawes, Mrs. Housley) 2,09.25
Hellelita (Harden, Gossie Gordon) 2,15.35
Dorah (Chilwell, Miss D. Leach) 2,15.35

Sunday Morning

DINGHIES, B. NAVY v. YACHT CLUB:—
Duke of York "C" (Chilwell, Miss D. Leach) 1,28.32
Commodore "B" (Hillier, Housley) 1,28.32
Mrs. Selwick 1,24.10
Queen "C" (Harden) 1,27.35
Stonecutters "H" (Hosman, Miss) 1,27.45
Hyma "N" (Wilkinson, Hewitt) 1,28.25
Tamar "N" (Andrews, Wright) 1,29.25
Stonecutters "I" (Navy, Miss) 1,30.35
D. Leach 1,30.35
Maximian "N" (Brooke, Brewster) 1,32.31
Black "B" (Hurn, Wilmet) 1,31.30
Donaventure "I" (Navy, Miss) 1,33.39
Miss Mason 1,33.39
Amethyst "N" (Brooke, Brewster) 1,33.31
Hart "C" (Gossie, Gracey) 1,32.31
Donaventure "I" (Navy, Miss) 1,33.39
Plymouth (Ladbrook) 1,34.39
Tyne "N" (Christensen, Manning) 1,36.25
Tyne "N" (Hosman, Mrs. Housley) 1,36.25
Duke of York "N" (Gray, Miss) 1,36.25
Brettlell 1,36.25
Results Club, 84; Navy, 52.

Sunday Afternoon

STARS:—
Dorah (Chilwell, Miss D. Leach) 1,48.47
Donetsch (Brookwood) 1,48.47
Hellelita (Harden, Gossie Gordon) 2,15.35
Albion (Hawes, Mrs. Housley) 2,09.25
Atala (Christensen, Miss) 1,36.55
Dorah (Chilwell, Miss D. Leach) 1,40.25
Hart (Brooke) 2,08.25
Donaventure "I" (Navy, Miss) 1,33.39
Ladbrook 2,40.70
Duke of York "I" (Wright) D.N.F.
Donetsch (Brookwood) D.N.F.
Quest (Griffiths) D.N.F.
Tyne "N" (Christensen) D.N.F.
Tamar (Crosby) D.N.F.
Amethyst (Andrews) D.N.F.
Next weekend there will be three races, in the Star Helmsman's Series—one on Saturday afternoon and two on Sunday, as

Freddie Mills On Road Back

London, Sept. 8. Freddie Mills, British and Empire cruiserweight champion, made a successful start on the road back to another crack at the world title when he battered Pol Guffaux, Belgian champion, into submission in the fifth round of their scheduled 15-round European cruiserweight championship fight at the Harringay Arena tonight. Guffaux retired after taking six counts in that round.

Mills looked fitter than he had been for a long time and forced the issue in the first round, but was out of distance with his left swing. The Belgian kept drawing away, but countered strongly with his right when he found Mills open, but the round went to Mills for his more forceful tactics.

The Briton scored with good hits early in the second round, but used up a good deal of energy in chasing the Belgian across the ring.

Guffaux staggered Mills with a stiff right blow to the jaw, but Mills kept coming in. The Briton then attempted a decisive blow, but his judgment was faulty and he subsequently left himself open for the Belgian's counter-blow.

Mills kept pressing in the third round and landed body blows, which made his opponent back away. Blood was now streaming from a cut under Guffaux's left eye and Mills was on top. He also caught the Belgian with three fierce right hooks to the jaw at the outset of the fourth round and once sent Guffaux to the floor for a count of five.

Gave Up. Mills followed up his advantage and, working Guffaux into a corner, landed another right which put the Belgian down for a count of eight. Guffaux got up, backed away with Mills in full cry and was put down for another count of eight with a left hook to the body. Another left to the body dropped the Belgian for a further count of eight, and a moment later he was down again from a similar punch, just managing to beat the count.

Guffaux was now in bad shape and Mills rushed him across the ring, punishing him with two hands until the Belgian sank down to the canvas. He staggered up at eight and walked across to Mills and raised his right glove in submission. It was Mills' first fight since he was knocked out by the coloured American, Lloyd Marshall, last June. Tonight's victory was slow in materialising, but the Briton, looking remarkably fit, tackled his job in a purposeful fashion.—Reuter.

Cricket Scores

London, Sept. 8. Close of play scores today were:—

At Scarborough: North 397, South of England 251 for three (Fletcher 120, Donnelly 109 not out, Wyatt 61 not out).
At Hastings: Sir Pelham Warner's XI 306 and 184 (Robertson 65, Goldard live for 53). South of England 199 (D. Compton 87 not out, Roderick live for 73).
At Kingston-on-Thames: Middlesex and Essex 437 for 9 declared and 261 for five (Vigar 53, Ray Smith 50 not out). Surrey and Kent 272 (Fletcher 93, Spurling 51, Barling 72).—Reuter.

Roderick Keeps Title

Harringay, Sept. 8. The British welterweight champion, Ernie Roderick, tonight successfully defended his title by scoring a 15-round decision over Glyn Williams, Welsh paratrooper veteran of Arnhem, in one of the hardest fought battles seen in the British ring this year. Roderick weighed 145 pounds. Williams weighed 143 pounds.—United Press.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

London, Sept. 8. The following are the results of rugby football games played tonight:—
Rugby Union: Torquay Athletic 9 Manely 14.
County match: Somerset 9 Gloucestershire 14.—Reuter.

Statement

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"At this stage the representatives of the C.E.I. said that they thought a settlement of the strike would be impossible unless the employers would guarantee to take back all the workers immediately. The employers replied that they could not give this guarantee, but they undertook to do their very best to take back as many as possible at once, and the remainder, (which would be comparatively few), as soon as work becomes available. (Investigations into the matter show that as an overall percentage it should be possible to take back immediately approx. 95 per cent of those who are now on strike).
"As no further headway could then be made the employers said that their offer of 45 per cent increase of basic wages, representing (a) 20 per cent regarding allowance and (b) 25 per cent in lieu of any increase in rehabilitation allowance or the establishment of an additional sliding scale, rounded off to whole cents to the advantage of the workers, was still in force and they strongly recommended that further consideration be given to its early acceptance."
(Sd.) C. L. ROBERTSON, Commodore.
(On behalf of the European Dockyards.)
No Comment.
C.E.I. officials were reticent yesterday. They merely stated that they had done their best and the responsibility for the latest deadlock must rest with employers. The condition that an unspecified number of the strikers would not be taken back was "clearly an attempt to sabotage the whole aim and purpose of the strike."
"Men dismissed and re-engaged at a later date will be regarded as new men who will have to start at the old minimum rate of \$2 a day, without the benefit of the increase for which 11,000 men are now out on strike," said Institute officials.

TODAY'S BOWLS

The following are today's games in the Colony Lawn Bowls Championships:—
T. A. Madar v. A. L. Eastman (K.C.C.).
S. M. and R. M. Rumjatin v. Godwin and Thompson (Recreio).
A. M. K. M. and U. M. Omar v. Gough, Orem and Alken (H.K.F.C.).

V-2 LAUNCHED FROM SHIP

Washington, Sept. 8. A captured German V-2 rocket was launched successfully from the deck of the giant aircraft carrier, "Midway" last Saturday in a spectacular sea-borne demonstration that opened a new era of naval warfare.
The U.S. Navy is building two guided missile ships, the battleship "Kentucky" and a cruiser, to put into application the rocket theory proved aboard "Midway".
In addition, the U.S. Navy made it clear that even standard carriers could handle the giant V-2 without impairing their flight operations. Immediately after the missile took off, the 45,000-ton "Midway" conducted normal flight operations, launching and landing its combat planes.—United Press.

Stole 'Phone Wiring

The telephone bell in the Tsun Wan Police Station Charge Room tingled at 11.15 a.m. on Monday. When the Officer-in-Charge lifted the receiver he found that the wire had gone "dead."

Detectives found that the whole Tsun Wan telephone service had gone out of order.

Three Chinese were searched and found to have 14 pieces of telephone cross connecting wires which they admitted having stolen from the Tsun Wan Telephone Sub-Station. Before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday Wong Lam, Chan San and Wong Moon-kui were charged with the larceny of the wires. Sentence of one year's hard labour was passed on each accused.

Failure Predicted For Marshall Plan Talks

Gstad, Sept. 9. Count Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi, Secretary-General of the European Parliamentary Union, predicted today that the Marshall plan conference of six nations in Paris would end in failure.

He asserted that they will meet with the same obstacles which developed in 1920 when Aristide Briand of France invited all the European Ministers of Foreign Affairs to unite Europe.
"Everybody agreed in principle but disagreed in all measures to be taken, because everybody was ready to enjoy the benefits of a union, but nobody was willing to make the necessary sacrifices," the Count said.
"No European federation is possible unless its member states transfer some of their sovereignty rights to a federal authority."
The Austrian born writer and history professor asserted, "The governments are not willing to make this sacrifice because they consider themselves traditional guardians of this undisputed sovereignty, surrounded by semi-religious prestige."
"The Count spoke at the opening of the first European Parliament sponsored by the union. He outlined a three-point programme: (1) to mobilize parliamentary majorities throughout Europe in favour of federation, (2) to coordinate these groups in a parliamentary union (3) to call a constitutional assembly for Europe.—Associated Press.

French Production Paralysed

Paris, Sept. 8. Industrial production was paralysed in many big centres of France today as workers downed tools in new protests against the recent cut in the bread ration.

Twenty-four hour strikes were reportedly called by 12,000 Alsatian potash workers.
Navigation ceased on the network of canals north of Lille when barges, wharf workers and warehousemen joined a "more bread, more work" demonstration, and a week-end strike of tramwaymen at Lille became general.
"Go slow" tactics were also reported by pit workers at St. Etienne, central France, and in the southern French colliery regions of Courrieres.—Reuter.

NO RATS IN CAFES

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It appeared to be very good, the overhead was exceptionally high. A liquor licence alone cost some \$3,000 per annum.
Hint.
It was hinted that if Government insisted on strict compliance with regulations, many restaurants and eating houses would have to close down, as they could not stand the heavy burden of additional expenditure.
"We have always done our best to co-operate with Government and hope that in the present instance, our application for an extension of time or an amendment to regulations will receive favourable consideration," concluded Mr. Yuen.

JAP PEACE CONFAB TO OPEN SHORTLY?

Washington, Sept. 8. Informed circles said today that the United States "most probably" would issue invitations "within the next few days" for the 11-nation preliminary Japanese peace conference to meet in the United States.

These sources said the United States was expected to propose that the conference get underway during the United Nations General Assembly, when all 11 nations concerned will have high-ranking representatives here who could open proceedings and then turn matters over to the deputies for the time being.

The Soviets twice rejected the United States idea for an 11-nation conference and called for the Council of Foreign Ministers to write the Japanese treaty. It was hoped in official quarters here that Russia would experience a last-minute change of heart and agree to join with the other ten nations of the Far Eastern Commission, which are the countries the United States, British Commonwealth nations, China, the Philippines and others are agreed should participate.

It was expected the United States would suggest that the preliminary meeting be held in Washington, where the voluminous records of the policy-making Far Eastern Commission would be available for delegates' use. Informed quarters said it was the British Commonwealth conference decision at Canberra to support United States procedure for holding the Japanese treaty conference which finally decided the Americans to go ahead with plans despite Russian disapproval.

Fund For Feeding Children

Geneva, Sept. 8. A voluntary worldwide non-governmental drive to raise funds for the aid of undernourished children will be launched next spring. Mr. Michael Lubbock, European Director of the United Nations Appeal for Children, said here today.

This will be the first time in history that the man in the street will be given a chance to act as a world citizen, said Mr. Lubbock at a press conference.

The appeal will be direct from the United Nations to individuals, but national committees will organise finance drives. The funds are to be for children, but there is no other restriction on their use.
Bulk of the funds is to be distributed to international emergency children's funds.
Mr. Lubbock said that if everyone in the world would give a day's pay, it would raise around US\$1,500,000,000.—Reuter.

LEGAL BATTLE OVER JAPAN

San Francisco, Sept. 8. More than 350 Japanese-Americans whom the government wants shipped to Japan because they renounced their American citizenship during the war were ordered to be set free in Texas and New Jersey by a Federal District Judge here on Monday. The government immediately filed notice of appeal.—Associated Press.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.20 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 962 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.
12.15 p.m.—Studio: Morning Prayers.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Morning Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Light Variety.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.15 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Light Piano Parade.
1.30 p.m.—Studio: Soft Falset and the Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Class Down.
2.00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Half-Hour.
2.15 p.m.—Studio: Presenta Gena from "The Rebel Maid".
2.30 p.m.—Orchestral Favorites.
2.45 p.m.—Studio: Emilio Salerni in a Gasophone Recital with Piano accompaniment by Hermie Milanes.
2.50 p.m.—Frederick Bajan at the Organ.
3.00 p.m.—Studio: Vocal Recital by Mary Hiler (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Betty Brown.
3.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
3.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
3.15 p.m.—Studio: "I Drink You Music".
3.15 p.m.—Classical Request Programme presented by Marion Glover.
3.15 p.m.—A.B.C. Transmission Service "The Brain Trust".
3.30 p.m.—Studio: Radio News.
3.30 p.m.—Weather Report.
3.35 p.m.—Studio: Classical Piano Recital by Betty Brown.
3.45 p.m.—Tune of Not-So-Long Ago.
3.45 p.m.—Studio: Epilogue.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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